

DODEA director accused of abusing authority

By JEFF SCHOGOL
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — A federal teachers union is demanding a full investigation into allegations that the director of the Defense Department's worldwide network of schools for military dependents routinely abused her office by steering jobs to relatives and friends, arranging retreats at luxury spas and resorts and misusing a government credit card.

Those and other allegations against Shirley Miles, the director of the Department of Defense Education Activity, are contained in hundreds of pages of documents and e-mails submitted last month to the department's inspector general by a longtime DODEA employee and former assistant to Miles.

"These allegations are very troubling and, if true, indicate serious problems in the management of

DODEA," said Michael Priser, president of the Federal Education Association, which represents nearly 8,000 teachers working in DOD classrooms around the world. "FEA calls upon the inspector general to investigate these allegations thoroughly."

Officials in the Inspector General's Office declined to comment on the allegations against Miles, submitted by Belinda Croteau, a 24-year federal employee who served as an admin-

istrative assistant to Miles from July 2008 to July 2009. However, a DOD official said on condition of anonymity that the office was looking into the complaints.

A spokeswoman for Miles, Elaine Kanellis, referred questions about Croteau's allegations to the Inspector General's Office. Kanellis said Miles would have no comment on the allegations.

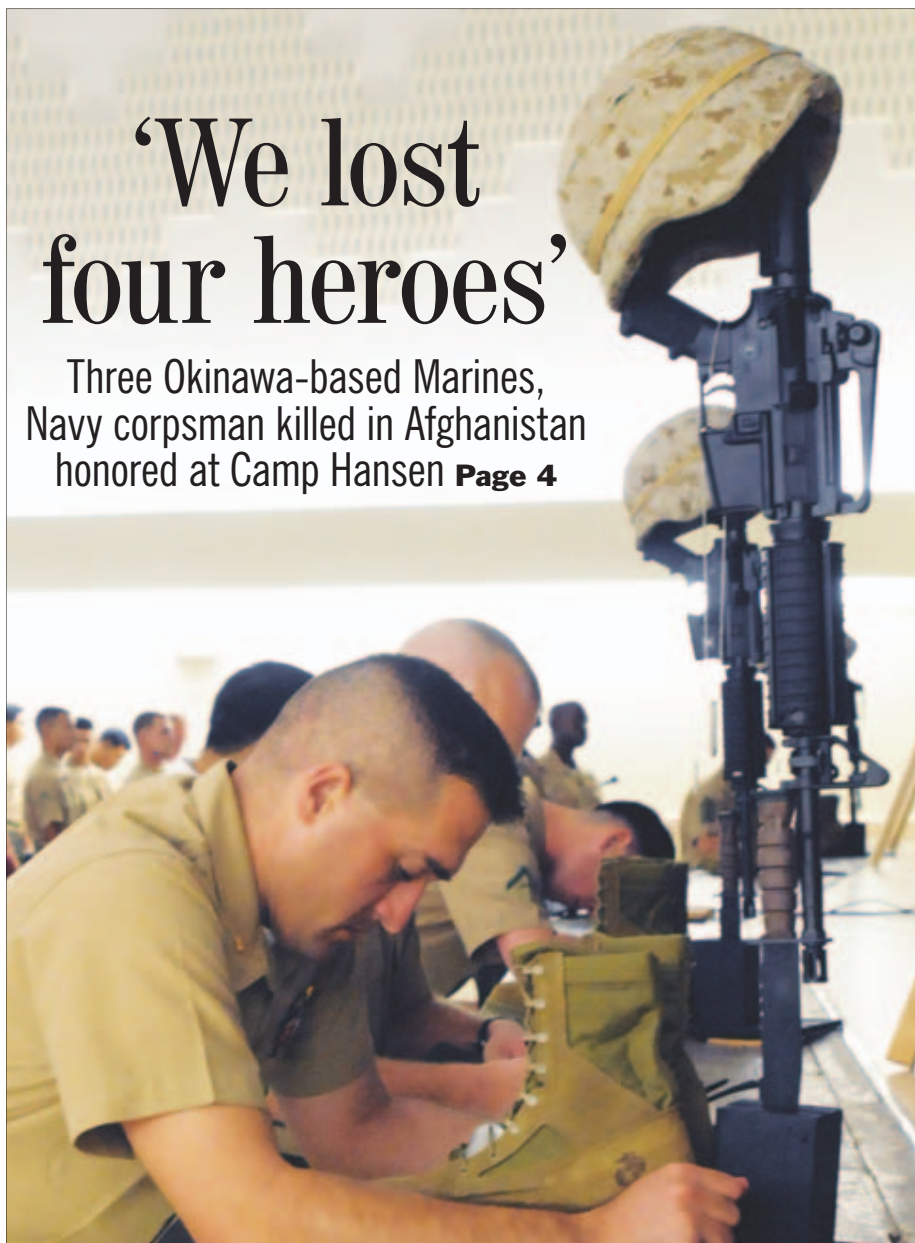
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A Marine bows his head at the foot of Gunnery Sgt. Aaron Kenefick's memorial at the Camp Hansen Base Theater on Thursday. Friends and family members gathered to pay their respects to the three Marines and Navy corpsman who were killed Sept. 8 in Kunar province, Afghanistan.

Marines see sharp increase in suicides

By MARK ABRAMSON
Stars and Stripes

Recently released figures show Marines are taking their own lives at alarmingly high rates, and deployments appear to be taking a toll.

Through September, the Marines have recorded 38 confirmed or suspected suicides in 2009. Should the pace continue through the end of the year, the Marines would be facing a 20 percent increase from 2008 figures. Suicides also rose 27 percent from 2007 to 2008.

Ten suspected suicides this year remain under investigation, but those are classified as suicides because there is strong evidence to suggest that those Marines took their own lives, said Navy Cmdr. Aaron Werbel, suicide prevention program manager for the Marine Corps.

While a recent Marine Corps report indicates that fewer than 42 percent of Marines who have committed suicide since 2001 had a deployment history, 56 of the 80 Marines who have taken their lives in the last two years have been to the war zones. That 70 percent figure is higher than Army figures for 2008, during which 61 percent of those who committed suicide were either deployed or had a deployment history.

Marine officials said they could not pinpoint an exact cause for the increase.

But, Werbel said, "A significant contributing factor is the operational tempo."

Dan Reidenberg, a psychologist and executive director of Suicide Awareness Voices of Education, or SAVE, said he

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"In 2010, I think we're going to see 10 or 15 percent of congregations saying they're in serious financial trouble. ...

[T]hat's a hell of a lot of them."

— David Roozen, a lead researcher for the Faith Communities Today multi-faith survey, which measures congregational health annually

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Purple Hearts for TBI to be reviewed

Lawmakers concerned brain injuries overlooked in awards process

By JEFF SCHOGOL
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Congress will ask the Defense Department to review its procedures for awarding the Purple Heart to troops suffering from traumatic brain injury, whom some lawmakers feel are being overlooked by the awards process.

Troops suffering from concussions resulting from enemy explosions are eligible for the Purple Heart, but Rep. Bill Pascrell, D-N.J., didn't think the Defense Department was applying this standard to troops with TBI.

"I've read the criteria over and over again for the Purple Heart," Pascrell said in September.

"The regulations are fine. I take exception and take issue with how DOD has interpreted these regulations."

That's why he and Rep. Todd Platts, R-Pa., inserted language into the fiscal 2010 National Defense Authorization Act requiring Defense Secretary Robert Gates to report back to Congress by March 31. The House approved the measure 281-146 on Thursday. The Senate had not scheduled a final vote on the measure as of deadline Thursday.

The Defense Department says that 48,371 cases of TBI have been diagnosed since 2003.

Former Army 1st Lt. Mike McMichael has no doubt that TBI is

a wound that merits the Purple Heart.

In November 2004, his vehicle was hit by a roadside bomb in Iraq. He appeared OK, but he suffered with an undiagnosed case of TBI for nearly three years, and it almost cost him his marriage.

Even though he is doing better, he will never be able to hold down a job again and he needs a satellite navigation system to get to his mother's house because he can't remember the way.

"TBI is a serious injury," he said. "It might not look like it because you're not missing a limb or you don't have a scar to show, but for the rest of your life, you are different and impaired in

some way.

"For the rest of your life, you're going to have problems holding a job. For the rest of your life, you're going to have problems with your relationship with your family."

McMichael said he is not concerned with getting a Purple Heart for his TBI, but for troops still in the military, it would be a badge of honor.

"When it comes down to it: That Purple Heart is what truly says: 'I was wounded in action for my country,'" he said. "Talk is talk, but that award is what backs it up."

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Correction

An Oct. 6 story about the recovery of an airman's body Sunday off the shore of Maeda Point, Okinawa, should have said Airman 1st Class Rodolfo Garza was assigned to the 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron.

Clarification

An Oct. 9 story should have said U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Michael D. Barbero has taken the reins for Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Training Mission-Iraq. Lt. Gen. Frank G. Helmick relinquished command of MNSTC-I and NTM-I during a Wednesday ceremony attended by Multi-National Force-Iraq commander Gen. Ray Odierno, U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Christopher Hill and Iraqi political and civilian leaders.

Philippines relief effort



JOSHUA WAHL/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Sailors and Marines aboard the USS Harpers Ferry pass supplies during a resupply mission with the USNS San Jose on Thursday. Harpers Ferry, the USS Tortuga and the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit are supporting humanitarian efforts at the request of the Philippines after deadly storms hit the region.

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Suicide: Prevention program begins

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believes deployments are a factor in servicemembers' suicides.

"I think current people (in the military) have been deployed multiple times and that is creating stress," Reidenberg said. "I think it is the constant ongoing battle within as well as the battle outside those men and women (in the military) are fighting."

SAVE, a nonprofit organization based in Bloomington, Minn., was created about 20 years ago to raise awareness about suicide and to help prevent it. Reidenberg spoke to 5,000 Marines about suicide prevention at a base in North Carolina in May, he said.

The Marines are taking aim at the problem with a new top-down program called NCO Suicide Prevention Training.

The program requires Marine leaders from every base to select three noncommissioned officers to attend weeklong suicide prevention training in Quantico, Va. Navy corpsmen and other Navy personnel assigned to the Corps are included in the training.

"NCOs are being trained to look out for changes in personality, distress, and changes in sleeping patterns [to spot possible signs that a person is suicidal]," Werbel said.

"We are telling NCOs, you have to know your Marines ... so you can see changes in behavior."

Those enlisted leaders will then give three days of training to NCOs at the battalion level, who will in turn give a half-day of training to all other Marine NCOs.

Taking a page from the Army suicide prevention program, the Marine training includes a video presentation. In the videos, Marines who attempted suicide and family members of those who have committed suicide share their experiences.

Other parts of the program feature people acting out various situations.

"I think it can be very effective," Reidenberg said about the Marines program.

The program should have an impact, especially with the "very real" videos in this age of technology, he said. Reidenberg also praised the Marines' top-down approach.

The Marines started to develop the suicide prevention program before this year's figures came to light.

"The reason we started doing it is our numbers were higher for 2008 compared to 2007," said Bryan Driver, spokesman for the Personal and Family Readiness Division at the Marines Headquarters.

The Marines will have a pretty good idea if the program is working if the suicide rate drops, Reidenberg said.

"You can't ever say for sure that it was the program, but you can definitely say there was an impact."

Like the Marine Corps suicide prevention program, the Army videos also highlight spotting signs that indicate a person may be suicidal and situations where a soldier may have to deal with a suicidal buddy.



U.S. Marines in the middle of a sandstorm make their way back to their vehicles after dismounting and patrolling a nearby mountain ridge in Bakwa, Farah province, Afghanistan in May. Suicides among Marines have surged recently, putting the Corps on pace for its most suicides since the wars started.

Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

To find out more about the Marines' program, go to www.usmc-mccs.org/suicideprevent

It also trains some soldiers to be facilitators. Facilitators may not be qualified to train other soldiers in suicide prevention, but they would learn how to talk informally to other troops about the issue, said Army spokesman Wayne Hall.

In addition to programs such as NCO Suicide Prevention training, the Marines — like the Army — are addressing the issue by trying to help troops get over the stigma of seeking help.

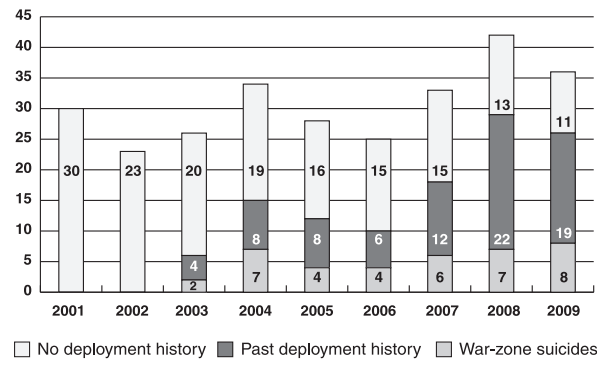
"We are really trying to bust through that stigma. This isn't a career-ender," Werbel said.

"The career ender could be not getting help."

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U.S. Marine Corps suicide rate rising

Suicides within the Marine Corps ranks in 2009 are on pace to surpass 2008 totals. Through September, 38 Marines committed suicide or are suspected of having committed suicide. The Marines have instituted training programs to help combat the problem.



SOURCE: U.S. Marine Corps Headquarters

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Allegations: Former assistant, teachers union call for IG inquiry

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Documents, e-mails and correspondence Croteau forwarded to the inspector general — and which were reviewed by Stars and Stripes — allege that, among other things, Miles:

- Directed that DODEA officials hire her daughter-in-law as a teacher, bypassing veterans and other qualified candidates and violating merit principles;

- Improperly hired friends for several high-level area superintendent positions, concealing her personal connections to the candidates during the interview and selection process;

- Misused a government credit card to purchase a computer which she subsequently refused to use because she did not like its red color;

- Ordered subordinates to purchase more expensive, upgradable airline tickets for her travel because "I believe because we travel so much that we have the right to be comfortable when we fly;" and

- Arranged staff conferences at luxury spa resorts when free government facilities were available.

Moreover, Croteau alleged, Miles frequently harassed DODEA staff members she disliked and directed that staff e-mail accounts be searched for evidence of leaks.

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"I saw how [Miles] malevolently attacks good people for no good reason and harasses them to the point that they retire or quit."

Belinda Croteau

Former DODEA employee

rases them to the point that they retire or quit," Croteau said in an interview.

Croteau, who now works at the Defense Human Resource Activity, said she is not a disgruntled former DODEA employee. Instead, she said, she left her position as Miles' assistant after Miles allegedly directed that her daughter-in-law be hired for a teaching position ahead of more qualified military veterans.

"When I saw these happenings, I really couldn't stay any longer," she said.

Miles has been DODEA director since June 2008. Prior to coming to DODEA, she was superintendent of the Tempe Union High School District in Arizona.

In e-mails, Miles repeatedly asked DODEA officials if they have found a job for Stephanie Ermel, now her daughter-in-law and a kindergarten teacher at Kadena Elementary School on Okinawa.

"Anything for Stephanie yet?" she wrote in an April 26 e-mail. "My son is bugging me, they want to get married in July!!!"

In other e-mails, Miles corresponded

with Paul Dellacroce about his application for an area superintendent position in Europe.

The two refer to each other as "city girl" and "country boy," even though Miles claimed to have no connections with him, according to the minutes of a DODEA meeting last June. After Dellacroce was hired, Croteau said, Miles acknowledged that they had, in fact, known each other for years and got their teaching certificates together.

In her complaint, Croteau also alleges that Miles has had three laptops purchased for her using government money in the brief time she's been in the position.

"She didn't like the shade of red of the first computer so a second computer was procured for her which she also didn't like — she now uses a regular silver laptop," Croteau wrote.

Croteau also gave information to the Inspector General's Office showing that Miles demanded that she be booked on flights that exceeded the rate permitted

by the government on several trips.

In one instance, Croteau said, Miles and a colleague pressured her to book them flights to Bahrain via Dubai — an unauthorized route — because they intended to vacation in Dubai.

That would have cost about \$6,000, but Miles eventually went through Frankfurt, costing about \$2,300, after the original plan came under scrutiny by Kevin Kelly, DODEA's associate director for financial and business operations.

Miles is also accused of scheduling DODEA conferences in luxury resort locations, despite having free access to a government conference facility in Georgia. DODEA held a conference in April at the Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak Resort near Tempe, Ariz., just months after AIG executives came under fire for holding a retreat at the same resort during the height of the government financial bailout.

Said Priser, the FEA president: "If Dr. Miles ordered a conference at the Squaw Peak Resort using appropriated funds, and AIG's stay at the same spa resort resulted in calls for the AIG head to step down for wasting taxpayer money, this would raise significant questions about Dr. Miles' judgment and sensitivity to prudent use of appropriated funds."

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Two policemen killed in Kabul blast credited with saving lives

By DIANNA CAHN
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KABUL — A bomb blast ripped through the capital as Afghans made their way to work Thursday morning, killing at least 17 people and wounding another 76 outside the Ministry of the Interior and just alongside the Indian Embassy.

Two police officers were among those killed and another 13 police officers were wounded, a ministry statement said.

The Interior Ministry said the bombing was the work of a suicide bomber in a 4x4 vehicle laden with explosives. The Associated Press reported that the Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack.

The bombing sent reverberations through the Afghan security forces as well as the Indian Embassy, which was the site of a deadly bombing last year that killed more than 50 people including the Indian defense attaché. It wasn't clear Thursday whether the Afghan government or the embassy was the target of the bombing.

"We think the target was the Indian Embassy but it would really be too early to say," said Zamarai Bashary, spokesman for the Interior Ministry. "We are still in the early hours of the investigation and it is ongoing."

The interior minister commented the two police officers who were killed when they stopped the suicide bomber in his vehicle as he pulled up to the gate at the end of the road leading to both the ministry's passport office and the Indian Embassy, Bashary said.

The bomber then detonated his vehicle at the checkpoint, killing the two officers.

"They gave their lives to protect the people of Afghanistan and their countrymen from dying," Bashary said. "There could have been much heavier casualties. These two police officers did an extraordinary job."

Earlier, a ministry statement condemned the bombing, saying it was work of the enemies of Afghanistan.

"They are not human beings," the statement said. "They are not Afghans."

The statement appeared to be a veiled reference to Pakistan, which is considered the base for Taliban and al-Qaida insurgents.

Officials have yet to determine who was behind the powerful bomb, but the violent assault



DIANNA CAHN/Stars and Stripes

Ahmad Rashad Sharpoor leans over the hospital bed of his brother Ismail Mohammad Sharpoor, 45, who was wounded in a powerful bomb blast Thursday morning outside the Ministry of Interior and the Indian Embassy.

in the heart of the capital was a stark reminder of the reach and power of the insurgency that has gained momentum in most of the country.

Attacks in the capital have stepped up since the lead up to presidential elections in August that have since been tainted with allegations of fraud.

If the attack targeted the Indian Embassy, suspicion would still be directed at Pakistan, India's archrival.

The 8:30 a.m. blast sent a barrage of wounded to the city's main hospitals. At Jamhoriat Hospital just down the road from the blast, 37 wounded arrived for treatment, according to the government's hospitals spokesman, Dr. Sayed Kabir Amir.

The decapitated body of a young man was brought to the hospital morgue where a pharmacist said the victim was 22 years old.

Inside, relatives cried at the bedsides of blast survivors.

"I am not crying just because my brother is hurt. I am crying because of all the Afghans in here, some hurt very seriously," said Fareed Ahmad, standing over the bed of his brother Bashir, who was lightly injured. Bashir's co-worker was seriously hurt.

"The foreign forces here are able to take care of security in Afghanistan," he lamented. "Why aren't they keeping us safe? What is their goal here in Afghanistan?"

Ismail Mohammad Sharpoor, a security guard, was on his way

to work at the nearby Afghan Women's Education Center when the explosion was set off. He was lightly wounded in his hand and face.

"It's ridiculous that they kill innocent people," he said, his wife and two brothers huddled around him. "It's insane."

His wife, Arafah Sharpoor, said tearfully that their four children at home did not know their father had been hurt. She said her daughter called her earlier but Arafah did not have the heart to tell her the truth. Instead, she said that they were both safe at the office.

"Why are they doing these things?" asked Sharpoor's brother, Abdul Jaleel Saburi. "We are all Muslim. Why are they killing innocent people? If they want to kill foreign troops, if they see them as the enemy, then why are they killing innocent civilians?"

In an emergency room bed, two cousins lay side by side wearing head bandages. Sameem Kareem, 14, and Nakhybullah Haydur, 20, were sitting outside their family photo shop when the bomb went off. Still in shock, the two said they'd both been injured in a bomb blast in the same area two years ago.

After living through yet another blast, the two cousins were thankful.

"We are lucky to survive," said Haydur.

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Hansen salutes four men killed in Afghanistan

By MATT ORR
Stars and Stripes

CAMP HANSEN, Okinawa — They died together on the battlefield in Afghanistan.

On Thursday, they were remembered as individuals: the guy who worked at surf shops during high school, the "down-to-earth" guitar player, the avid sportsman, and the strongman who still could bench-press 400 pounds.

Hundreds packed the Camp Hansen Base Theater to celebrate the lives of 1st Lt. Michael E. Johnson, Gunnery Sgt. Edwin W. Johnson, Gunnery Sgt. Aaron M. Kenefick and Petty Officer 3rd Class James R. Layton. The three Okinawa-based Marines and the Navy corpsman were assigned to an embedded training team with the Combined Security Transition Command, which trains and equips Afghan security forces, in the Sarkani district of Kunar province. They were killed in an ambush Sept. 8.

On the stage at the theater Thursday were four upturned rifles with dog tags hanging from each, four sets of boots and four helmets. Photos of the four flashed on the theater's big screen as friends and brothers-in-arms addressed the audience during the solemn ceremony.

Master Sgt. Russell Norman-din tearfully recounted Michael Johnson's first few months as a platoon leader.

It was a "big brother-little brother" relationship, Norman-din said of the 25-year-old officer who loved the beach.

"I always thought he had an old Marine soul in him," he said. "He always instilled a great sense of pride in his Marines."

Being able to bench-press 400 pounds at age 31 was a source of pride for Edwin Johnson, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Emiliano De-leon told the audience.

Layton was remembered fondly by Petty Officer 3rd Class Renny Vitug as a "simple, down-to-earth guy who could play anything on



M. Johnson



E. Johnson



Kenefick



Layton

his guitar." "Pick a group or song and he could play it," Vitug said.

In the program given to those in attendance, Kenefick was remembered for his love of sports, especially golf and basketball.

Lt. Col. Daniel L. Yaroslaski, commanding officer of Combat Assault Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, spoke about all four, then concluded by simply saying, "Well done, Marines; well done, Doc. We'll take it from here."

As the service came to a close, everyone came to attention as the names of the four fallen were called. There would

be no reply.

"We lost four heroes and four great, outstanding men," 1st Sgt. Timothy Henshaw said after the service. "I hate to see them go."

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Official says Obama focusing on al-Qaida, not Taliban

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama is prepared to accept some Taliban involvement in Afghanistan's political future and appears inclined to send only as many more U.S. troops to Afghanistan as are needed to keep al-Qaida at bay, a senior administration official said Thursday.

The sharpened focus by

Obama's team on fighting al-Qaida above all other goals, and downgrading the emphasis on the Taliban, comes as the administration is engaged in a methodical but intensely debated review of how to overhaul the increasingly unpopular 8-year-old war.

Though aides stress that the president's final decision is still at least two weeks or more away, the emerging thinking suggests that

he would be very unlikely to favor a large military ramp-up of the kind being advocated by the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, Gen. Stanley McChrystal.

McChrystal's troop request is said to include a range of options for Obama, from adding as few as 10,000 combat troops to — the general's strong preference — as many as 40,000.

Obama's developing strategy on

the Taliban will "not tolerate their return to power," the senior official said. But the U.S. would only fight to keep the Taliban from retaking control of Afghanistan's central government — something it is now far from being capable of — and from giving renewed sanctuary in Afghanistan for al-Qaida, the official said.

Bowing to the reality that the Taliban is too ingrained in Af-

ghanistan's culture to ever be entirely defeated, the administration also is prepared, as it has been for some time, to accept some Taliban role in parts of Afghanistan, the official said.

That could mean paving the way for Taliban members willing to renounce violence to participate in a central government. It might even mean ceding some regions of the country to the Taliban.



SUO TAKEKUMA, KYODO NEWS/AP

Workers repair damaged roofs of houses in Tsuchiura, Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan, after Typhoon Melor hit the area Thursday. The powerful typhoon tore through Japan's main island, peeling roofs off houses, cutting electricity to hundreds of thousands and forcing flight cancellations before turning back toward the sea.

Presidential helo plans challenged

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An internal Navy document shows new plans to replace the president's fleet of helicopters will cost taxpayers more and take years longer to deliver than a recently scrapped contract, a New York Democrat said Wednesday.

Rep. Maurice Hinchey said the Pentagon's plan to abandon aircraft built by Lockheed Martin Corp. and buy a new fleet with similar capabilities at a cost of up to \$22 billion for delivery as late as in 2024 is "beyond illogical." He represents the district where the helicopters are made.

A Lockheed spokesman declined to comment and directed questions to the Navy.

A spokesman for the service

did not return calls for comment on the document, which was reviewed by The Associated Press.

The military halted production of the helicopters at the Lockheed plant in Owego in May. The company cut 600 jobs as a result.

The government spent close to \$3.2 billion on the project before Defense Secretary Robert Gates killed it. Cost overruns and delays plagued the helicopter program due partly to plans by the Bush administration to incorporate advanced capabilities on the aircraft following the Sept. 11 attacks.

On Wednesday, the House and Senate Armed Services Committees agreed to include \$85 million requested by the Navy to cancel and restart the program as part of its defense authorization bill.

Ignoring veto threat, House OKs F-35 engine

WASHINGTON — Despite a vaguely worded veto threat by President Barack Obama, the House on Thursday easily adopted a major defense policy bill that calls for continued development of a costly alternative engine for the Pentagon's next-generation fighter jet.

The House approved the measure 281-146. The annual defense authorization bill would guide the Pentagon budget for the fiscal year that began last week. The measure now goes to the Senate.

Obama's veto threat involves a program to develop an alternative engine for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, the Air Force's multi-mission fighter for the future. The White House says that spending on a second engine is unneces-

sary and impedes the progress of the Joint Strike Fighter program. The legislation recommends \$560 million for the program in 2010.

Misawa air show to include Thunderbirds

TOKYO — Misawa Air Base will hold an air show Oct. 18 featuring the Thunderbirds and the Japan Air Self-Defense Force's Blue Impulse, according to an Air Force news release.

Other aerial teams will also perform, including the 35th Air Wing's Fighting Falcon demonstration team. The base will be open to the public during the event. For more information, go to www.misawa.af.mil and follow the Air Fest 2009 link.

From staff and wire reports

Typhoon has little impact on U.S. bases in Japan

By ERIK SLAVIN
Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — The ring of bases surrounding Tokyo made it through Typhoon Melor's landfall without major incident, officials said Thursday.

No major storm-related injuries or damage were reported at any bases following Melor's movement across the Kanto Plain on Thursday morning.

The storm came ashore around 5 a.m. about 160 miles southwest of Tokyo in Aichi Prefecture, packing 90 mph sustained winds and 123 mph gusts, according to the Japan Meteorological Agency.

Yokosuka Naval Base experienced minor damage due to wind and rain, spokesman Ben Avey

said Thursday.

A small rockslide at Gridley Tunnel posed no major problem, Avey said. A tree was uprooted at Negishi Housing Area in Yokohama but caused no property damage, he added.

Camps Zama and Fuji suffered no damage, officials said.

Maintenance crews tended to little beyond a few fallen branches at Yokota Air Base, spokesman Maj. Chris Watt said.

By Thursday afternoon, Melor's center was about 150 miles north of Tokyo. The storm was expected to turn eastward and collapse over the colder ocean waters.

Japanese officials have reported two storm-related deaths and about 59 people injured as of Thursday afternoon, according to Japan's Yomiuri Shimbun newspaper.

One man was killed when his motorbike hit a downed tree in Wakayama Prefecture, south of Osaka, while another was killed by a falling tree just north of Tokyo.

Electricity was being restored to 500,000 homes that lost power during the storm, according to an Associated Press report.

Japanese television stations showed images of flooded neighborhoods, roofless houses and scattered debris. However, the storm weakened as it moved north and the eye never crossed over Tokyo.

Strong winds largely subsided by noon in the Tokyo area and gave way to sunny skies.

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Karen Howard and her service dog, Oliver, look out over Mutsu Bay in Aomori Prefecture, Japan. Howard has a neurological condition that affects her balance and speech.

Courtesy of Karen Howard

Civilian's service dog a rare sight in Japan

By TERI WEAVER
Stars and Stripes

TOKYO — Before Oliver, Karen Howard didn't want to leave her Maryland home. With Oliver, she's traveling Japan.

About 20 years ago, Howard was diagnosed with Machado-Joseph disease, a neurological condition that causes slurred speech and loss of balance. Over time, Howard went from steady steps to needing a cane.

By 2004, the cane wasn't enough. Instead of a walker, she opted for a specially-trained service dog, one that could steady her gait and help her pick up things outside her reach.

Through Fidos for Freedom, a group that helps match service dogs with people who need them, she got a Labrador-golden retriever male called Oliver.

"Now that I have Oliver, I'll go anywhere," said Howard, 49. So when her husband, Bryan, a Department of Defense civilian worker, got a chance in 2007 to take a three-year assignment at Misawa Air Base, the family didn't hesitate.

They did, however, have to figure out how to live in Japan with an American service dog. Misawa vet officials said they couldn't recall another service dog coming to Japan before or since.

Because Japan does not have rabies, the Japanese government requires that all incoming dogs to have microchips, receive two rabies inoculations, and wait 180 days to build immunity to the infection.

Families can do the 180-day quarantine at their stateside homes and provide the proper paperwork when they enter Japan. Military families PCSing

to Japan can bring their dogs before the 180 days elapses as long as they keep the pets on base, both Japanese and base officials said. Those living off base must put their dogs in Japanese or military kennels during the quarantine.

But Japan makes an exception for service dogs, according to at Kazuhiro Yonekawa, an official at Japan's Animal Quarantine Service office at Narita International Airport. "You can't separate the owner and the dog," he said.

Howard and Oliver were allowed to begin traveling throughout Japan in the fall of 2007, even though the dog's quarantine was at about the 70-day mark, Howard said.

Yet there was another hoop to jump through: Japan's requirement that service dogs be certified.

Arima's group worked with Fidos for Freedom to establish Oliver's credentials, but because Howard and Oliver are considered visitors, the certification for Oliver, now 8, must be renewed each month.

With the certification came an identification card for Howard and official permission for her to take the dog wherever she wants to go, including trains, restaurants, stores and museums.

After two years living in Japan, Howard, her husband, and their three teenage children have grown accustomed to frequenting places that welcome Oliver. Howard says she once felt self-conscious about her symptoms.

"Now, people don't see me," she said. "They see Oliver. It's brought me a good deal of independence."

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IN THE WORLD

Soles saved

Museum workers clean shoes belonging to Imelda Marcos, the former first lady of the Philippines, after a museum housing them was flooded Thursday in Marikina City, east of Manila.

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Romanian-born author wins Nobel

BY MATT MOORE
AND KARL RITTER
The Associated Press

STOCKHOLM — Herta Mueller, a little-known Romanian-born author who was persecuted for her critical depictions of life behind the Iron Curtain, won the 2009 Nobel Prize in literature Thursday in an award seen as a nod to the 20th anniversary of communism's collapse.

The decision was expected to keep alive the controversy surrounding the academy's pattern of awarding the prize to European writers.

Mueller, a member of Romania's ethnic German minority, was honored for work that "with the concentration of poetry and the frankness of prose, depicts the landscape of the dispossessed," the Swedish Academy said.

"I am very surprised and still can not believe it," Mueller said in



Mueller

a statement released by her publisher in Germany, where she is widely renowned. "I can't say anything more at the moment."

Mueller, 56, made her debut in 1982 with a collection of short stories titled "Niederungen," or "Nadirs," depicting the harshness of life in a small, German-speaking village in Romania. It was promptly censored by the communist government.

In 1984 an uncensored version was smuggled to Germany, where it was published and devoured by readers. That work was followed by "Oppressive Tango" in Romania but she was eventually prohibited from publishing inside

her country for her criticism of dictator Nicolae Ceausescu's rule and its feared secret police, the Securitate.

"The Romanian national press was very critical of these works while, outside of Romania, the German press received them very positively," the Academy said.

Mueller is the third European to win the prize in a row and the 10th German.

Mueller emigrated to Germany with her husband in 1987. Most of her work is in German, but some works have been translated into English, French and Spanish, including "The Passport," "The Land of Green Plums," "Traveling on One Leg" and "The Appointment."

Mueller's latest novel, "Atemschaukel," or "Swinging Breath" is up for this year's German Book Prize to be announced Monday.

Pakistan offers defense of U.S. proposal for aid

BY RAVI NESSMAN
The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — The Pakistani government fought back against army criticism of a proposed multibillion-dollar U.S. aid package Thursday, arguing that the military had no reservations about taking such assistance when it ruled the country two years ago.

The debate came at a time when the U.S. hoped to unite all sides as the military prepared for an expected offensive against the Taliban and al-Qaida along the nation's northwest border with Afghanistan.

The country's pro-U.S. government has been suddenly swamped with a wave of opposition to the package, which would provide \$1.5 billion a year over the next five years to Pakistan, tripling nonmilitary assistance to the country. It also authorizes "such sums as may be necessary" for counterterrorism assistance — but only if it cracks down on militancy and other conditions.

The army brass raised "serious concern" Wednesday over strings attached to the bill, bolstering opposition politicians who have said the conditions would lead to U.S. meddling in Pakistan's affairs.

Underpinning the debate was the ongoing tensions between the fragile civilian government and

the country's powerful military, which ruled Pakistan for about half of its 62-year history.

Farhatullah Babar, President Ali Asif Zardari's chief spokesman, said previous U.S. aid packages negotiated under Gen. Pervez Musharraf, who ran a military government here for eight years beginning in 1999, contained similar clauses and the army never complained.

"Why this protest now?" he asked.

He also said the army should not have gone public with its concerns.

"There are proper forums like the defense committee of the Cabinet and the Ministry of Defense for communication of such views and participating in the decision making process," he said. "Why this was bypassed, I don't know."

He strongly defended the aid package, saying "there is nothing against the national interest in the bill."

The bill conditions U.S. aid on whether Pakistan's government maintains effective control over the military, including its budgets, the chain of command and top promotions. The U.S. bill also includes yearly certifications that Pakistan is making a sustained commitment to combating terrorist groups and cooperating in stopping the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

Seoul: Sanctions on North Korea should remain in place

BY JAE-SOON CHANG
The Associated Press

SEOUL — U.N. sanctions on North Korea must remain in place even if the communist nation comes back to international nuclear disarmament talks, South Korea's foreign minister said Thursday.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Il said Monday that his government is willing to rejoin the six-nation nuclear talks depending on progress in its negotiations with the United States. Pyongyang withdrew from the six-party talks after conducting a rocket test in April and a nuclear test in May. It said at the time it would never return to the talks, which also involve China, Japan, the two Koreas, Russia and the U.S.

South Korean Foreign Minister Yu Myung-hwan expressed doubts about the North's statement, saying Pyongyang's "true intentions are unclear."

Yu cited the regime's track record of reaching disarmament

pacts and then backtracking after receiving aid and concessions.

"It's impossible to halt or lift sanctions just because North Korea returns to dialogue," Yu said, adding that all five countries negotiating with the North are united in that position.

Yu said the North is showing a "dual attitude of offering to talk while continuing nuclear development."

The U.N. Security Council imposed the sanctions to punish the North for its second nuclear test.

An earlier U.N. sanctions

resolution, adopted after Pyongyang's first atomic test in 2006, was never enforced in earnest after Pyongyang agreed later to disarmament talks.

Yu said the same mistake should not be repeated.

Kim Jong Il's offer of dialogue, made during talks with Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao, reflects Pyongyang's desire for direct engagement with Washington.



Yu

The Obama administration has said that might be possible but any talks should be part of the six-nation negotiations aimed at ending the North's nuclear programs.

China's nuclear envoy, Vice Foreign Minister Wu Dawei, said Wednesday that

Pyongyang's readiness to hold discussions with the U.S. is a positive development that could pave the way for a resumption of

the stalled six-party talks.

"There are various types of dialogues within the framework of the six-party talks. China has always supported bilateral dialogues between all the relevant parties. ... A dialogue between North Korea and the U.S. is an important step under the framework of the six-party talks," Wu said in remarks posted on the ministry's official Web site.

"I hope the dialogue between North Korea and the U.S. can achieve concrete progress," he added.

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IN THE STATES

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., left, listens as Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., speaks during a September news conference in Washington. Reid has a tough task ahead in finalizing the health care bill.

SUSAN WALSH/AP



Health care feud goes on as Senate panel vote nears

BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate's top Democrat on Thursday accused Republicans of a strategy of "distortion, distractions and deception" on health care as he announced a pivotal committee will vote next week on a comprehensive bill. Republicans said the legislation still costs too much and expands the reach of government.

Majority Leader Harry Reid said the Finance Committee will vote Tuesday on a 10-year, \$829-billion proposal that would expand coverage to 94 percent of eligible Americans while reducing the federal deficit. A positive cost report on the legislation Wednesday from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office marked a turning point for its main author, Finance Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont.

Immediately after announcing plans for the vote, Reid, D-Nev., tore into Republicans on Thursday, saying they have no health plan of their own to offer and are only trying to obstruct.

"There are still those who consider this a zero-sum game, and will only declare victory if President Obama concedes defeat," Reid said. "Let me be clear: Just as Democrats believe in ensuring quality, affordable care for every American citizen, we believe equally as strongly that this country has no place for those who wish for it or its leaders to fail."

He challenged Republicans to be "productive partners rather than partisan protesters." Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky wasted no time in responding.

He dismissed the good news on costs and coverage as "irrelevant," saying Democrats would

pump up the Baucus bill as it proceeds through Congress. "The bill ... will never see the light of day," McConnell promised.

"What matters is that the final bill will cost about \$1 trillion, vastly expand the role of government in people's health care decisions and limit choice," he added.

Officials: FBI eyes terror suspect's travel talk

BY DEVLIN BARRETT
AND TOM HAYS
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An Afghan immigrant accused of plotting a terror attack in New York City contacted accomplices there while making a cross-country drive from Denver, raising concerns among investigators that he was sending instructions to purchase more bomb-making chemicals, officials familiar with the case said.



Zazi

Terrorism investigators are trying to determine whether suspect Najibullah Zazi sent instructions to associates as he drove from Denver to New York last month, according to law enforcement officials. Such instructions could explain a critical missing piece of the high-profile terrorism case — why authorities could not find actual explosives.

Two officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to dis-

cuss the case, told The Associated Press that as Zazi drove, he was in communication with associates, and one of the officials said investigators believe the communications included instructions for the associates to purchase more chemicals for homemade bombs.

The officials did not describe the nature of the communication, but court documents indicate investigators have been examining Zazi's cell phone and e-mail traffic.

Court documents indicate that the 24-year-old Zazi and others were hitting beauty supply stores, buying concentrated bottles of hydrogen peroxide hair dye. He and others also bought acetone — nail polish remover — and other ingredients that can be used to make a powerful and highly unstable explosive called triacetone triperoxide, or TATP. The same explosive was used by would-be shoe bomber Richard Reid in 2001 and the terrorists who carried out the London bombings in 2005 that killed 52 people.

Zazi's journey just before the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks set off alarm bells at the highest levels of government.

Zazi has denied being involved in a terrorist plot, and has pleaded not guilty to charges.

Congress repeals federal pay-for-performance program

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers Wednesday repealed a controversial pay-for-performance program.

The repeal of the National Security Personnel System (NSPS) came as part of a compromise House and Senate members announced in their negotiations over the Defense Department authorization bill.

The Defense Department will maintain more performance management and hiring flexibility than other federal agencies, but it must halt NSPS by the start of 2012 and it cannot enact a new pay-for-performance system without submitting detailed proposals to Congress for approval.

George W. Bush's administration pushed for NSPS, and Congress approved the system for Pentagon employees in 2003.

Roughly 30 percent of the Defense Department's civilian employees now fall under NSPS jurisdiction, according to the Pentagon.

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NASA aims for lunar crash landing

Probe scheduled to smash into moon's surface in search for water

By SETH BORENSTEIN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — NASA will throw a one-two punch at the big old moon Friday and the whole world will have ringside seats for the lunar dust-up.

NASA will slam a used-up spacecraft into the moon's south pole to kick up a massive plume of lunar dirt and then scour it to see if there's any water or ice. The idea is to confirm the theory that water is hidden below the barren moonscape.

The crashing spaceship was launched in June along with an orbiter that is now mapping the lunar surface.

LCROSS — short for Lunar Crater Observation and Sensing Satellite and pronounced L-Cross — is on a collision course with the moon, attached to an empty 2.2-ton rocket that helped get the probe off the ground.

Thursday evening, about 10 hours before smashing into the moon, LCROSS and its empty rocket will separate.

Then comes the first part of the lunar assault. At 7:31 a.m. EDT, the larger empty rocket will crash into a permanently dark crater and kick up a 6.2-mile-high spray

of debris.

Trailing just behind that rocket is the LCROSS satellite itself, beaming back to Earth live pictures of the impact and the debris plume using color cameras. It will scour for ice, fly through the debris cloud and then just four minutes later take the fatal plunge itself, triggering a dust storm one-third the size of the first hit.

"This is going to be pretty cool," LCROSS project manager Dan Andrews said. "We'll be going right down into it. Seeing the moon come up at you is pretty spectacular."

Within an hour, scientists will know whether water was hiding there or not.

The mission is a set-the-stage venture dreamed up by the NASA office that has been working on a \$100 billion program to eventually return astronauts to the moon. The return-to-the-moon goal is now being re-examined by NASA and the White House.

These are not crashes for the

faint of heart. The two ships will smash into the moon at 5,600 mph, more than seven times the speed of sound. The explosion will have the force of 1.5 tons of TNT and throw 772,000 pounds of lunar dirt out of the crater. It will create a new crater — inside an old one — about half the size of an Olympic swimming pool, Andrews said.

But do not feel bad for the moon. It gets crashes this size about four times a month from space rocks.

The difference is this one is planned and at just the right angle and location to provide interesting science for astronomers. The southern polar region is a prime landing possibility. This crater, called Cabeus, is one where astronomers think there is a good chance of hidden ice that would be freed by the crash, describing the dirt there as "fluffy."

The crashes will also be a good show for the folks back home, which was always part of NASA's

plan for the probe, Andrews said. The crashes will be broadcast live on NASA's Web site. The Hubble Space Telescope and other larger Earth telescopes will be trained at the moon.

Observatories and museums are planning viewing parties in at least three countries.

And amateur astronomy buffs with telescopes who live in the western U.S. may try to catch a glimpse of it through their own instruments because it will still be dark outside. People who live in areas where it will be daylight won't be able to see it from home telescopes.

"A lot of telescopes will be tuning in," said Terry Mann, president of the Astronomical League, an umbrella group for local amateur astronomy societies. "You might see something you might not ever see again."

Amateurs need at least a 10-inch telescope to look at the crashes and what they see will only be a small part of their overall view in the scope. They won't see the impact itself, but the spray of debris flying up.

This is all happening during a peak week in a yearlong celebrations commemorating the 400th anniversary of Galileo using a telescope to see Jupiter's moons.

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Dan Andrews
project manager, Lunar Crater
Observation and Sensing Satellite

Crash course

NASA will send a space probe and satellite crashing into the moon to see if there is any water or ice below the surface.

Less than 10 hours before impact:

On final approach the probe moves into position for impact after multiple Earth orbits

Probe rotates 180 degrees and uses breaking maneuver to separate rocket and satellite

Rocket continues path and crashes into crater creating a 6.2-mile-high spray of debris

Satellite follows and records live pictures of impact, and scours for ice; flies through debris, and four minutes later impacts the moon

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Injured Tom DeLay hangs up his dancing shoes

It's not two left feet, but two fractured feet forcing Tom DeLay to hang up his dancing shoes. The former House Republican Whip says he's taking his doctor's advice and leaving the ABC television show "Dancing With the Stars."

DeLay has been diagnosed with stress fractures in both feet from the rigors of dancing and must wear foot braces when away from the ballroom.

Doctors and producers urged the 62-year-old to withdraw from the dance-off. But he was determined to continue Monday, performing a samba with professional partner Cheryl Burke.

Hudson to film TV special in Chicago

Jennifer Hudson returns to her hometown of Chicago for an ABC prime-time special, "Jennifer Hudson: I'll Be



ABC

Tom DeLay, right, with professional partner Cheryl Burke, announced he would be leaving "Dancing With the Stars." He has stress fractures in both feet.

Home for Christmas," that will air in December.

The network says the 28-year-old singer-actress will share childhood memories of the music, people and places that set the stage for her career. Musical performances will be filmed on location throughout the city.

Hudson, who gained fame first as a top contender on "American Idol," won an Oscar for her role in "Dreamgirls" and a Grammy for best R&B album for her self-titled debut CD.



Hudson

hot dish

"Idol Gives Back" is back. Producers of "American Idol" say the show's charity effort will return next year, with "Idol Gives Back" set to air April 21. The fundraising program will benefit national and international charities, including Malaria No More, Save the Children and the United Nations Foundation, Fox said Tuesday.

A judge has ruled that Mel Gibson's conviction stemming from his notorious 2006 drunken driving arrest is being expunged.

— The Associated Press

Winans duo releases first album in 15 years

Gospel music stars BeBe and CeCe Winans are looking to show their family remains strong as they launch their first album in 15 years while dealing with the death of their father and BeBe's upcoming court date in a misdemeanor assault case.

CeCe Winans said she believes it's an opportunity for the duo to follow the same message they have sung in their inspirational lyrics: Have faith.

On Tuesday, about six months after their father David "Pop" Winans Sr. died in Nashville, the BeBe and CeCe combo released "Still." It's the first album in 15 years for the duo, which has won five Grammys and seven Dove Awards together.

BeBe Winans was arrested after authorities said he pushed his ex-wife to the ground in Nashville in March. A court date is set for Oct. 20.

— The Associated Press



CeCe, left, and BeBe Winans

Alicia Keys gets down to business

Alicia Keys has influenced many lives with her soulful, heart-breaking piano-driven songs for almost a decade.

Now that the 12-time Grammy winner has established herself as one of music's brightest stars, Keys is ready to inspire others — without singing a tune.

Keys is launching AK Worldwide, a new company that will handle the singer's projects, especially those outside of music.

"It really explores the ways I can affect the world in a positive way, even outside of music," Keys said in an interview Tuesday.

"It is really about finding ways to bring forth things into the world that will give you and all the people that encounter them, and myself, inspiration," she said.

The first project for the 28-year-old is The Barber's Daughters, a handcrafted jewelry line engraved with messages of hope and wisdom.

"The words, when you read them, they really do resonate with you.

They kind of inspire you to want to find that place in

yourself," she said, sporting a silver oval ring that read: "May you find inspiration and meaning soaked in the wonders of the imagination cradled in compassion of the heart and hold a will to make difference."

Keys also will launch a new Web site, iamasuperwoman.com, devoted to spotlighting inspirational women and causes that will fill a missing gap in the blogosphere, Keys said.

"It really calls out to all those brilliant, amazing, fantastic women every day that are doing their thing and need kind of a community to support each other," she said.

Keys said the creativity required to be a businesswoman has spilled over to her music, and that it's reflected on her fourth studio CD, "The Element of Freedom," to be released Dec. 1.

"We have the ability to be totally free, to be totally unstoppable, and there's no heights that you can't reach," Keys said. "So I totally love that and that's what the music feels like, and that's what everything that I'm doing sounds like."

The lead single, "Doesn't Mean Anything," teaches people that having success is unimportant unless there's someone to share it with, Keys said. The next single, "Try Sleeping With a Broken Heart," is "mean, mean, mean," she said.

The CD finds Keys working again with her musical partner, Crucial Keys, and producer Jeff Bhasker, who recently produced tracks on the latest albums from Jay-Z and Kanye West.

— Mesfin Fekadu/The Associated Press

AP

Recording artist Alicia Keys is launching a new company to handle her projects.

FAITH

Hawk Nelson delivers loud message and fun

By BRIAN BOWERS
Stars and Stripes

The guys from Hawk Nelson aren't shy — just ask front man Jason Dunn.

"I like to stick out like a sore thumb," Dunn said. "I like to be original and unique."

That explains the title of the Canadian rockers' latest album, "Live Life Loud," which debuted at No. 3 on Billboard's Christian album chart.

The album certainly offers a unique and energetic mix of music, offering pop, rock, a little country flavoring and a quirky little ditty that features the ukulele. In bringing these influences under one banner, Hawk Nelson worked with several high-profile co-writers, a method the band used with great success in its third album, "Hawk Nelson Is My Friend."

"I wanted to try it again and see how it worked and this one was even better," Dunn said.

One of the co-writers was fellow-Canadian Trevor McNevan of Thousand Foot Krutch. "You

Today's praise

know Trev and I go way back, since the time I was like 6 years old. ... It's not even work. It's like hanging out together," Dunn said.

Hip-hop artist tobyMac also offered some urban influences and vocals to the song "Eggshells," which describes a strained relationship. "It kind of created this weird sound that worked really well," Dunn said.

Amid this diverse approach, Dunn said the band's aim was to make each song count.

"Hopefully, they're all good songs but they're not going to end up on the radio," Dunn said.

That explains "Ode To Lord Stanley" — a fun tribute to the Calgary Flames hockey team, complete with ukulele — and "The Final Toast," which Dunn wrote after his grandfather died.

And one of the best songs on the disc is a bagpipe-accented version of "Tis So Sweet," featuring vocals by Jenn Helvering, the

For more information on the new album, go to
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daughter of singer Sandi Patty.

But Dunn admitted that the title track and a few others are aimed at radio play.

The title track offers an upbeat, pep-rally feel. It's guaranteed to get fans fired up, as it did several thousand who braved pouring rain to dance and sing in a Virginia field at the Awakening Music Festival a few days after the album hit the streets Sept. 22. However, some of the best songs follow a more serious path. "Meaning Of Life" speaks of finding a new beginning and seeking to change the lives of those around us.

"It's one of my favorite ones," said Dunn of the song co-written by Matthew Gerrard, who worked on "High School Musical."

The theme of service comes across strongly in the urgent "Alive," which urges those with "disconnected souls" to break free from their own issues and reach out to others.

And the theme continues in the powerful "Shaken" — which was inspired, in part, by the band's work with TOMS, which provides the show for needy children.

"I really like what they believe in," Dunn said. "They believe in helping people, helping children who can't afford a pair of shoes. ... You see these kids who need help and it's one thing to say, 'Make a difference,' but it's another thing to do something."

So doing something is what Hawk Nelson advocates with its music and its muscle — working not only with TOMS, but also with Ronald McDonald House Charities and orphans in Haiti.

Today's Praise focuses on the contemporary Christian music industry.



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Members of the Rock Harbor Church worship in Costa Mesa, Calif., on Sept. 27. The church has been able to overcome tough times during the recession thanks to generous donations.

Economic slump taking a toll on congregations

By RACHEL ZOLL
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Organized religion was already in trouble before the fall of 2008. Denominations were stagnating or shrinking, and congregations across faith groups were fretting about their finances. The Great Recession made things worse.

It's further drained the financial resources of many congregations, seminaries and religious day schools. Some congregations have disappeared and schools have been closed. In areas hit hardest by the recession, worshippers have moved away to find jobs, leaving those who remain to minister to communities struggling with rising home foreclosure and uncertainty.

Religion has a long history of drawing hope out of suffering, but there's little good news emerging from the recession. Long after the economy improves, the changes made today will have a profound effect on how people practice their faith, where they turn for help in times of stress and how they pass their beliefs to their children.

"In 2010, I think we're going to see 10 or 15 percent of congregations saying they're in serious financial trouble," says David Roozen, a lead researcher for the Faith Communities Today multi-

faith survey, which measures congregational health annually. "With around 320,000 or 350,000 congregations, that's a hell of a lot of them."

The sense of community that holds together religious groups is broken when large numbers of people move to find work or if a ministry is forced to close.

The news isn't uniformly bad. Communities in some areas are still moving ahead with plans for new congregations, schools and ministries, religious leaders say.

And many congregations say they found a renewed sense of purpose helping their suffering neighbors. Houses of worship became centers of support for the unemployed. Some congregants increased donations. At Rock Harbor church in Costa Mesa, Calif., members responded so generously to word of a budget deficit that the church ended the fiscal year with a surplus.

"We're all a little dumbfounded," says Bryan Wilkins, the church business director. "We were hearing lots of stories about people being laid off, struggling financially and losing homes. It's truly amazing."

Religious leaders say the next year or so will be key in determining which organizations survive the downturn intact.



Hawk Nelson is, from left, Jonathan Steingard, Jason Dunn, Daniel Biro and Justin Benner. The Canadian band's new album is "Live Life Loud."

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YOUR MONEY

Defense bill has gains, losses in benefits

The last decision made by House-Senate conferees negotiating final details on a fiscal 2010 defense authorization bill Tuesday was to insert language that will roll back an announced Oct. 1 increase in fees charged to TRICARE Standard beneficiaries for stays in civilian hospitals.

The surprise fee increases, which were reported here last week, gave lawmakers a chance to ride to the rescue and, in effect, put a cherry atop the \$680.2 billion defense policy bill, at least for working-age military retirees and their families who would have seen a \$110-a-day bump in hospital bills.

That was a fortuitous opportunity for the armed services committees because other pay and benefit initiatives in the bill are relatively modest compared to past years. And the gains are dampened by some too-familiar legislative disappointments for servicemembers, veterans and their families.

One new disappointment is

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that the Democrat-led Congress couldn't find money to support President Barack Obama's call to phase in "concurrent receipt" for disabled retirees who are forced by ailments or injuries to leave service before completing 20 years of service.

His plan would have boosted the pay of 103,000 "Chapter 61" retirees at a cost of \$5.4 billion over 10 years. The House alone had voted to take the first step, using dollars freed up from an energy appropriation, to expand the Concurrent Receipt and Disability Pay program Jan. 1 to retirees with fewer than 20 years and disability ratings of 100 percent or 90 percent.

But Senate conferees concluded it would violate Senate budget rules to take even a first step in Obama's phase-in plan without proper funding.

The principle behind concurrent receipt is that the Department of Defense should pay retirees an annuity for total years served and VA should fully compensate them for their disabilities. For many thousands of disabled retirees, retired pay still is reduced or "offset" by disability compensation.

Obama promised in his presidential campaign to extend concurrent receipt to all disabled military retirees. But White House budget officials were stunned to learn the cost — \$45 billion over 10 years — and so lowered their first-term target to all Chapter 61 retirees, clearly an unpopular compromise.

House-Senate Conferees also rejected two familiar Senate-passed initiatives as unfunded. One would have ended a reduction in Survivor Benefit Plan payments to 54,000 widows who also draw Dependency and Indemnity Compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The other provision tossed would have made 140,000 more reservists mobilized since Sept. 11, 2001, eligible for earlier reserve retirement. In 2007, Congress had lowered the age 60 start of reserve retired pay by three months for every 90 consecutive days that a Reserve or Guard members is called up for war or national emergency if they otherwise qualify for retirement. For lack of funds, Congress made the change applicable only for deployment time after Jan. 28, 2008.

That restriction will remain.

Conferees did clear for final passage dozens of other initiatives: to raise or extend special pay and bonuses; to improve support for wounded warriors, reserve component personnel and their families; to protect and improve the military health program; and to strengthen voting rights for servicemembers. Here are some highlights:

Gray area Reserve TRICARE

Reserve and Guard "gray-area" retirees — those who have not reached age 60 to qualify for full retiree benefits — will be able to buy into TRICARE Standard coverage at full premium cost for themselves and their families. Given that this is an older population, premiums are expected to be higher than those set for TRICARE Reserve Select which, for 2009, is \$47.51 a month for member-only coverage and \$180.17 for family coverage. The effective date in the bill is Oct. 1, 2009, but for practical purposes, it could take Defense officials many months to write regulations and set rates for the gray-area program.

Reserve retired pay adjustments

Reserve retirees recalled to active status in the Selected Reserve for at least two years will be able to have their retired pay recomputed and their retired grade readjusted. Servicemembers who qualify for a regular retirement will be able to receive reserve retirement when they have served in an active status in the Selected Reserve for at least two years.

Compensating wounded warrior caregivers

For the assistance they provide servicemembers with catastrophic injuries or ailments, who otherwise would require hospi-

talization or institutional care, designated caregivers, including family members, can be paid up to \$2983 a month, the current limit on VA aid and attendance payments.

Freeze TRICARE standard inpatient fees

Obama administration officials, including Defense Secretary Robert Gates, were taken by surprise when the TRICARE Management Activity announced Sept. 1 that inpatient fees under TRICARE Standard were to be raised this month, including a \$110-a-day pop for retirees under 62, their family member and survivors. Gates had promised to leave fees alone this year.

TRICARE officials said they were bound by regulation and law to reset the inpatient fees to cover 25 percent of allowable costs, effective Oct. 1, the date that a freeze Congress had imposed three years ago expired. Conferees voted to keep the old fees frozen through next September.

Pro-rated war zone pay

This move won't be popular. To curb abuses in payment of hostile fire pay, imminent danger pay and associated tax breaks, the services will begin to pro-rate those pays, as well as hazardous duty pay, assignment pay and skill incentive pay, based on actual days of qualifying service each month. Currently, full monthly payments are made if members crewing aircraft or visiting from headquarters spend as little as a day a month in a war zone or danger area.

Lawmakers heard allegations of people manipulating the system, even arranging schedules, for personal benefit, explained one Capitol Hill source.

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Dollar buys (Oct. 9)	€0.6642
British pound (Oct. 9)	\$1.63

Commercial rates

Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.6058
Canada (Dollar)	1.0614
China (Yuan)	6.8293
Denmark (Krone)	5.0531
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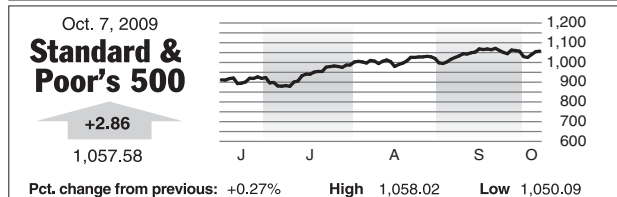
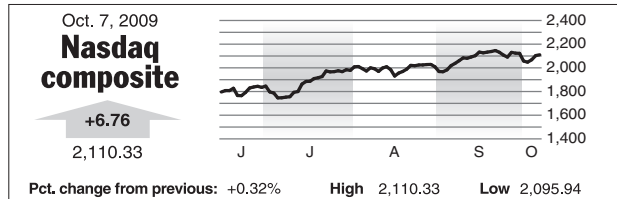
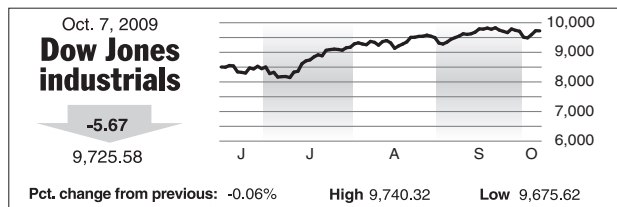
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South Korea	\$2.561	--	\$2.804	\$2.675
Change in price	-3.1 cents	--	-3.0 cents	-1.9 cents
Guam	\$2.739*	\$2.799	\$2.899	--
Change in price	No change	-2.0 cents	-3.0 cents	--

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Jobless claims inching down

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The number of newly laid-off U.S. workers filing first-time claims for jobless benefits fell to the lowest level since early January as layoffs ease a bit amid a fledgling economic recovery.

The fourth drop in new claims in five weeks is a sign the labor market is slowly healing. But employers are reluctant to hire new workers and the unemployment rate is expected to keep climbing well into next year.

The Labor Department said Thursday that new claims for unemployment insurance dropped last week to a seasonally adjusted 521,000, from the previous week's upwardly revised total of 554,000.

That's better than the 540,000 that Wall Street economists expected, according to a survey by

Thomson Reuters.

The four-week average, which smooths fluctuations, fell to 539,750, the lowest since Jan. 17.

Economists closely watch initial claims, which are considered a gauge of layoffs and an indication of companies' willingness to hire new workers.

Thursday's total is the second lowest this year. Claims have been slowly declining since the spring, but remain well above the 325,000 that economists say is consistent with a healthy economy. The number of people continuing to claim benefits declined by 72,000 to 6.04 million. Analysts expected continuing claims to rise slightly.

When federal emergency programs are included, the total number of jobless benefit recipients dropped by about 90,000 to 8.9 million in the week that ended Sept. 19, the latest data available.

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OPINION

Essay asks, but only time will tell

BY MEGHAN DAUM

Los Angeles Times

Essay contests don't generally get a lot of mainstream attention. The Secretary of Defense National Security Essay Competition, for example — whose past winners and finalists have penned papers titled "Planning Convergence" and "Nation Building: A Joint Enterprise" — has never made media waves. Until this year: "The Efficacy of Don't Ask, Don't Tell," the winning entry, is a breakout hit.

Written by Col. Om Prakash while he was student at the National War College (he is now at the Pentagon), the essay offers a forceful rebuke of the 16-year-old policy. It claims there is no evidence openly gay soldiers negatively affect unit performance or morale and concludes that "it is not time for the administration to reexamine the issue; rather, it is time for the administration to examine how to implement the repeal of the ban."

The essay, published in Joint Forces Quarterly, a scholarly journal published by the National Defense University Press, was reviewed by Adm. Michael Mullen, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the nation's highest military officer, before publication.

Prakash devotes a considerable amount of thought to the concept of "unit cohesion," a term defined by Congress as "the bonds of trust among individual servicemembers that make the combat effectiveness of a military unit greater than the sum of the combat effectiveness of the individual unit members."

Pointing out that countries such as Australia, Britain, Canada and Israel, which have lifted bans on gays in the military, have seen "no impact on military performance, readiness, cohesion or ability to recruit or retain," Prakash writes that the "don't ask, don't tell" policy "forces a compromise in integrity" that is ultimately "damaging to the unit cohesion its stated purpose is to preserve."

The views expressed in Joint Forces Quarterly do not necessarily reflect those of the Defense Department, but policy experts and pundits are seeing the attention paid to Prakash's essay as the latest harbinger of major political change on the issue. Gabriel Winant of Salon.com pointed out that Lt. Daniel Choi, an Arabic linguist who was discharged from the National Guard earlier this year after announcing he was gay during a TV interview, has been invited to speak at his alma mater, West Point. Nathaniel Frank, author of "Unfriendly Fire: How the Gay Ban Undermines the Military and Weakens America" and a senior research fellow at UC Santa Barbara's Palm Center, calls the Prakash paper a watershed.

"The Joint Forces article doesn't mean that Mullen and the military are prepared to repeal overnight," Frank told me. "But it does represent a notable contrast from the tone we were seeing even a year ago. In my experience talking to countless people in the military, I've found that the people who excel are the people who are prepared. And what we're seeing may reflect a form of preparation for the tasks the military faces."

Prakash points to a 2006 Zogby poll that found that even though 37 percent of service personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan disagreed with a repeal of "don't ask, don't tell," 45 percent reported that they suspected they were serving alongside a homosexual and 23 percent said they were certain of it (of that 23 percent, 59 percent were certain because the person had told them directly). Such reports, Prakash indicates, suggest there is already a tacit acceptance of gay troops, although he also admits that the military has hurdles to overcome if it switches to open acceptance.

Beyond its support for the cause of repealing "don't ask, don't tell," the article provides chapter and verse against the general argument that gay rights and gay people diminish heterosexual rights and

people. Its straightforward assessment of unit cohesion — complete with explorations of "task cohesion" and "social cohesion" and which is more important to military success (it's task cohesion) — is all but a primer on how "lack of unit cohesion" has become code for something else: namely, old-fashioned bigotry.

It seems clear that the idea that gay people pose a threat to the social fabric — another way of saying "unit cohesion" — is not going to disappear tomorrow, nor will it probably ever go away entirely.

For a while, it looked like it would get its biggest push toward oblivion in the domestic realm, with the acceptance of gay marriage, but perhaps it will be the issue of gays in the military that reaches the tipping point first. In any case, that adage about everything being fair in love and war may soon take on a greater resonance — on the battlefield if not yet at the altar.

Meghan Daum is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

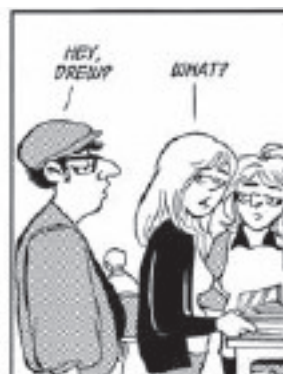
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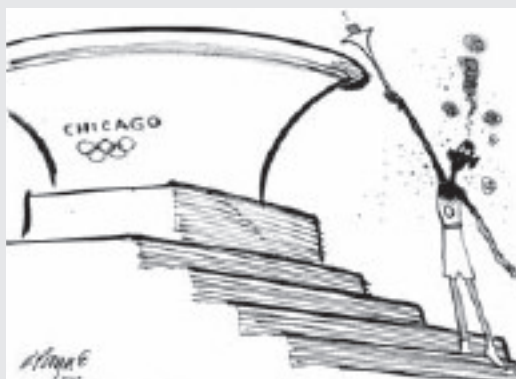
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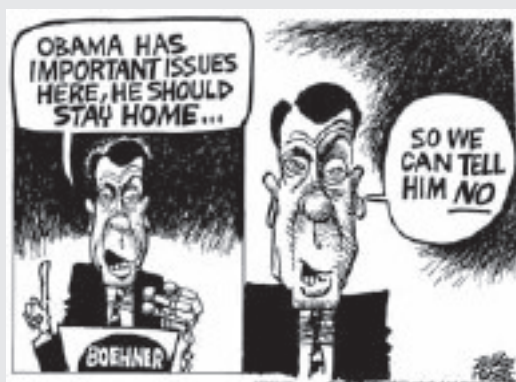
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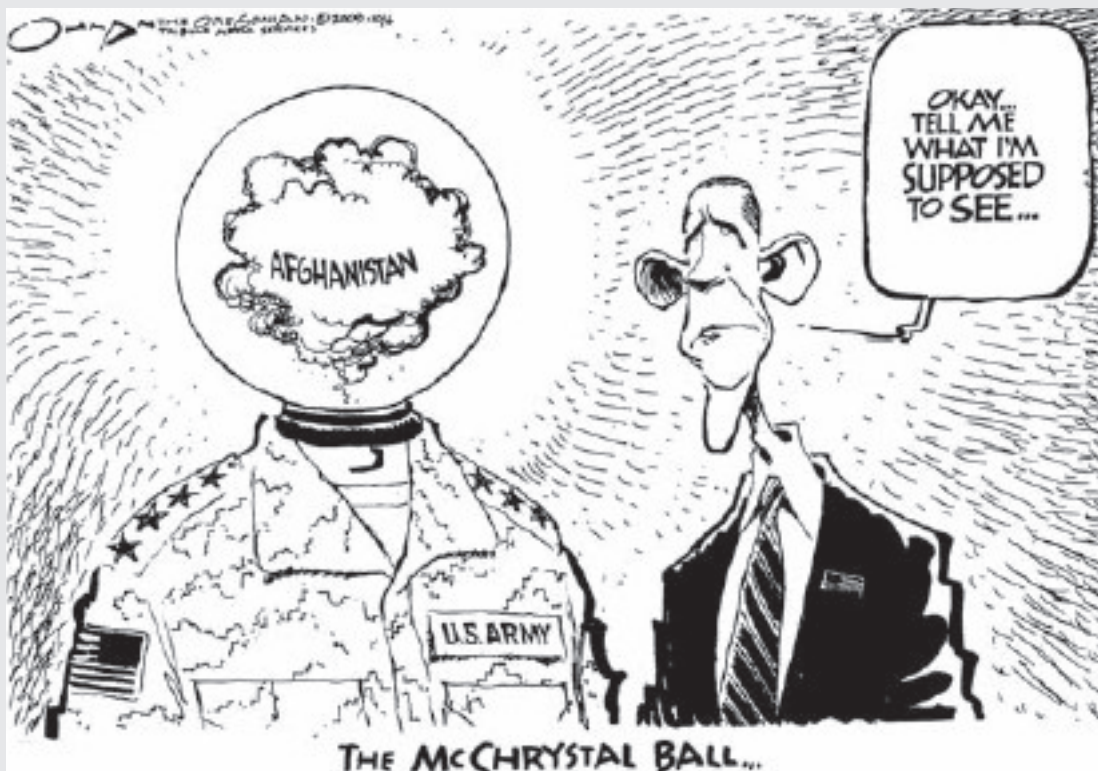
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Prepaid electric firms in hot seat

TX DALLAS — Texas' utility commissioners say they don't know how many prepaid electric companies are in the state and refuse to disclose how many customers are served by the firms, which face rampant consumer complaints.

The state Public Utility Commission said it doesn't know how many operate in Texas because it doesn't classify companies by business model. Unofficial estimates indicate the companies serve as many as 100,000 customers, The Dallas Morning News reported.

Consumer protection rules do not address the unconventional business model that prepaid electric companies use, but Texas utility commissioners — intent on spurring competition — still licensed them.

Complaints about the companies are rampant, including concerns that poor, sick and disabled customers have found themselves without air conditioning.

Treasure hunt turns into possible prank

MO ST. LOUIS — An Illinois woman who set out on a treasure hunt for buried gold coins after finding a cryptic note in an antique rocking chair may have been the victim of a prolific prankster who died more than 30 years ago.

With help of a donated backhoe, Patty Henken recently tore up a vacant lot in Springfield, Ill., where a typewritten note signed by "Chauncey Wolcott" — found in an old chair she bought at auction last November — suggested she would find a chest containing more than \$250 in U.S. gold coins.

The dig turned up nothing but bricks and old bottles. An Iowa woman who read news accounts of the hunt said she knows Wolcott's true identity: John "Jay" Slaven, a notorious practical joker and coin collector who often used a typewriter in his pranks.

Whales temporarily shipped to quieter place

GA ATLANTA — Expansion of a dolphin exhibit has led Georgia Aquarium officials to ship their three beluga whales to Texas for a few months.

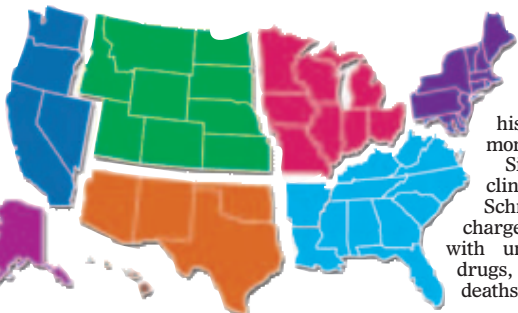
Aquarium spokeswoman Meghann Gibbons says the whales were shipped to Sea World San Antonio, Texas. They are expected to return to Atlanta in December.

Gibbons says the aquarium's animal husbandry department has been monitoring the belugas, which are extremely sensitive to sound, since construction began more than a year ago near their habitat.

She says aquarium officials decided to eliminate the risk and send the whales to a quieter place until the loudest part of the work is completed.

Airmen embark on 821-mile memorial trek

TX SAN ANTONIO — A dozen airmen plan to trek 821 miles over 11 days to com-



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memorate 12 special tactics airmen who have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The airmen left Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio on Tuesday and will relay through Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama before reaching Hurlburt Field in Florida on Oct. 16.

That morning, the Air Force will hold a ceremony honoring an airman killed in Afghanistan in February.

The marchers will walk 15 to 20 miles at a time, carrying 50-pound ruck sacks and commemorative batons engraved with a fallen airman's name.

Organizers hope to raise awareness of Air Force specialties like special ops and a foundation that helps assist the families of the fallen.

Doc guilty of writing illegal prescriptions

KS WICHITA — A Kansas doctor who worked for a physician accused of causing dozens of patient deaths from prescription drugs has pleaded guilty to illegally prescribing a painkiller for a woman he never met.

Dr. Lawrence Simons of Goddard faces up to 20 years in prison and a \$1 million fine.

But he is likely to get much less under federal guidelines when he is sentenced Dec. 14.

The 53-year-old doctor acknowledged in court the prescriptions he wrote for a woman identified only

as Crystal B were not for a legitimate medical purpose.

He surrendered his medical license last month.

Simons worked at a clinic run by Dr. Stephen Schneider. Schneider was charged in December 2007 with unlawfully prescribing drugs, leading to 59 patient deaths.

Fugitives offered free food, drug counseling

NJ NEWARK — Law enforcement officials in northern New Jersey are giving criminals a limited-time offer: free food, a place to get out of the cold, drug counseling and career advice.

There's one small catch: You have to turn yourself in, too.

The U.S. Marshal's Office, in conjunction with the state attorney general and a host of other agencies, announced that it will institute the first "Fugitive Safe Surrender" program in Newark, the state's largest city, next month to try and induce people with outstanding arrest warrants to surrender voluntarily.

The program already has been tried in 11 states and 16 cities including Camden, with plans to expand to Austin, Tex.; Chester, Pa.; Jacksonville, Fla.; and Baltimore.

Computer chips plant to go for sharp discount

OR EUGENE — The Hynix computer chip plant in west Eugene likely will be sold for a fraction of what it cost to build.

South Korea-based Uni-Chem is seeking to buy the idled industrial plant for \$50 million — far below the \$252 million Hynix spent to buy the land and build the factory shell a decade ago.

Hynix, also based in South Korea, ceased operations in Eugene about a year ago, putting 1,000 employees and 300 contract workers out of a job.

The size of the proposed discount isn't a surprise to real estate and economic development experts, who say it's often difficult to sell a large industrial plant built for a specific user and purpose.

More than 50 linked to motorcycle club indicted

WV CHARLESTON — National leaders of the Pagans Motorcycle Club and more than 50 members and associates of the outlaw biker gang have been indicted on federal charges including conspiracy to commit murder and racketeering, prosecutors said.

The defendants include national Pagans President David Keith Barbeito of Myersville, Md., and national Vice President Floyd B. Moore of St. Albans.

Prosecutors said both were in custody but did not know if they had attorneys.

Also named are members and associates in West Virginia, Kentucky, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Florida.

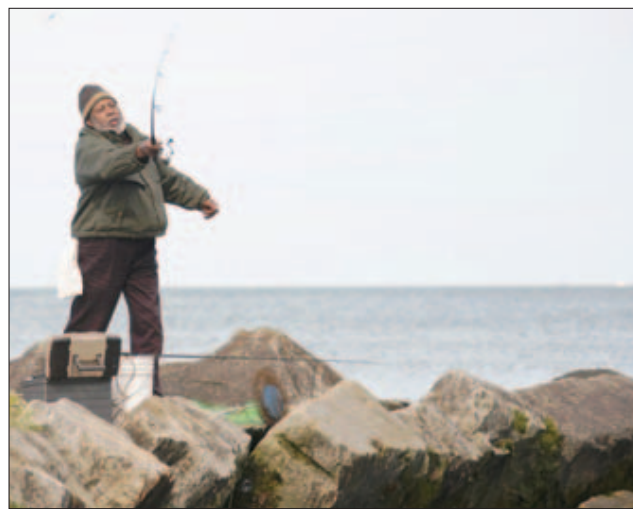
A federal indictment unsealed in Charleston charged that Barbeito, Moore and others conspired in September 2005 with a prison guard to kill an inmate suspected of cooperating with law enforcement.



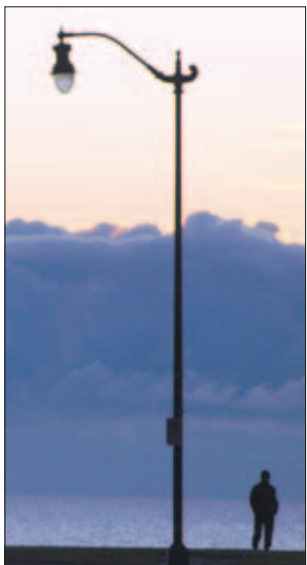
For flag, day is done Cody Kindred, left, cradles the "Union" of an American flag in his arms as Boy Scout leader Duane Culver watches before Kindred retires the flag during a special Eagle Scout ceremony at Willow View United Methodist Church in Enid, Okla.



Pinky-rink Kalamazoo Wings ice hockey players practice on pink ice at the Sullivan Arena in Anchorage, Alaska. The pink ice is part of the Alaska Ace's "Paint The Rink Pink" promotion, designed to focus attention on cancer awareness and raise as much as \$75,000.



Dedicated fisherman Richard Howard fishes for yellow perch off a Lake Erie break wall east of downtown Cleveland. Howard decided to hit the lake in the afternoon before rain returned.



Morning on the lake

A man waits for his dog to finish exploring the bluff below Main Street on the Lake Michigan shoreline in Racine, Wis.



Groundbreaking music Members of the Phillipsburg High School band play in Phillipsburg, N.J., at a groundbreaking ceremony for their new high school.



Is he an alien? Firefighters and other emergency personnel make their way down Main Street in Roswell, N.M., during the Eastern New Mexico State Fair parade.



A look worth keeping Miami officials voted unanimously to protect the two Bacardi headquarters iconic buildings, 46 years after the first rose eight stories high on U.S. Highway 1.



Halloween harvest John Janiszyn lines up pumpkins for sale along the side of the road in Walpole, N.H.

Free land offer mostly fails in small town

AK ANCHORAGE — The town of Anderson — population 300 — is foreclosing on 18 of 26 large, spruce-covered lots it gave away because the new owners did not develop them as required. “It sounded good in theory. Oh yeah, free land. But the reality is it costs a lot of money to build up here,” said Eric Warner, one of the few to build a home. Officials blame a lack of local jobs and a bad economy for the failed homesteading experiment devised by high school students to boost the dwindling population of the town, 75 miles from the regional hub of Fairbanks. Nobody believes anyone was scared off by reports of the occasional day of 60-below temperatures.

Coast Guard rescues 3 after boat capsizes

TX PORT ARANSAS — The Coast Guard rescued three people after their 14-foot pleasure craft capsized in the Corpus Christi shipping channel near the Port Aransas ferry landing. A statement from the Coast Guard said a Good Samaritan witnessed the vessel capsize and contacted a Station Port Aransas watchstander. Coincidentally, the Coast Guard was conducting operations nearby and rescued two adults and a child. The three were wearing life jackets or had access to flotation devices. They were reported to be in good condition.

More child support being diverted to poor

WV CHARLESTON — Changes in how state governments are allowed to disperse child support payments to welfare families has put more money in the pocket of West Virginia resident Becky Salmons, allowing her to buy school supplies and medicine for her 17-year-old daughter. West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Washington are among the states taking advantage of changes in federal law that encourage states to stop using the money to reimburse state and federal welfare services and instead use it to help poor families get back on their feet. Until a year ago, most of the \$225 Salmons’ ex-husband paid each month went to the government. Now, she gets all the money. Federal officials hope the money will help welfare families become more self-sufficient, thereby reducing the demand for food stamps and other government assistance.

Gourmet can’t dish up enough ads, will close

NY NEW YORK — Conde Nast Publications is closing Gourmet, the nation’s oldest food magazine, and three other money-losing titles as the high-end publisher tries to weather a devastating advertising slump. In addition to Gourmet, which had a circulation of 980,000 last year, the publisher is closing Modern Bride, Elegant Bride and Cookie, a parenting magazine. Earlier in the year it killed publication of Portfolio, a business magazine, and Domino, a lifestyle title. “We’re all stunned, sad,” Gourmet’s editor Ruth Reichl wrote in a post on Twitter.

2 jail guards stabbed in escape attempt

IN VERNON — Three teenage inmates in a southern Indiana jail attacked three guards and briefly held them hostage during an escape attempt that left two guards hospitalized with stab wounds, authorities said. The inmates at the Jennings County Jail managed to stab the guards before police officers shocked the inmates with stun guns and took them into custody, according to the Jennings County Sheriff’s Department. Two of the inmates, Ryan T. Renfro, 17, and Roger Lee Bushhorn, 19, face preliminary charges of kidnapping, criminal confinement, attempted escape with a deadly weapon and attempted escape with serious bodily injury. The third, James A. Smith, 17, faces similar charges along with a felony charge of attempted murder, according to the Sheriff’s Department. Renfro, of Columbus, faces murder charges in the shooting deaths last month of a 69-year-old man and his 65-year-old wife. The Jennings County prosecutor’s office would not say why Smith and Bushhorn were in jail.

Man upset at closed Taco Bell shoots worker

FL MIAMI — Police say a man upset he couldn’t order food after closing time at a Miami Taco Bell shot at employees as they tried to leave, hitting one in the leg. Police say the man waited in the parking lot and opened fire around 3:40 a.m. Investigators are still searching for the suspect, and the victim’s name was not released. She was taken to a hospital with injuries that were not life-threatening.

Harvard acquires author John Updike’s collection

MA CAMBRIDGE — Harvard University has acquired the manuscripts, correspondences and other papers of two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author John Updike, from the class of 1954. He died in January at 76. Leslie Morris, curator of modern books and manuscripts at Houghton Library, says the collection includes 1,500 books, including Updike’s collection of his own work, as well as books Updike reviewed, photographs and correspondences.

Collectors named as suspects in art heist

CA SALINAS — Two men who claim thieves broke into their rental home in the ritzy coastal enclave of Pebble Beach and made off with millions of dollars worth of art were named as suspects in the case. Monterey County Sheriff’s Cmdr. Mike Richards said Benjamin Amadio and Dr. Ralph Kennaugh may be involved in a “criminal enterprise,” and that authorities were investigating “other scenarios.” “This whole thing stinks,” Richards said. He said Amadio and Kennaugh were not cooperating with investigators and were unable to produce proof that the artwork even exists, let alone that it was stolen.

Horoscope

The moon is at home in Cancer, and emotions run deep when she transits her domain. It will be most fortuitous to let your feelings fuel a domestic improvement effort. The favorable position of the sun and Jupiter reminds us that life is a gift. Look for treasure in ordinary moments, and extraordinary good luck is likely to follow.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(Oct. 10). You emanate loving warmth this year. When it comes to family, you will be generous with your attention, and the time you spend together will be greatly enriching. The important task you take on in February earns you respect, admiration and big bucks. Moves and investments are favored in March. Sagittarius and Cancer people adore you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're getting better at relaxing. What might have stressed you out in the past is now causing you to have a good laugh. Additionally, your enthusiasm is more infectious than ever, prompting a social opportunity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Life only sends what we can handle. So you can take this recent mammoth challenge as a compliment to your resourcefulness. Tonight you are like a child with the ability to remain absolutely true in all situations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The spotlight is on your famous wit and keen sense of social propriety. After you put on a good show, you'll be in need of someone with whom you don't have to be so animated — perhaps a down-to-earth Taurus.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll wear a bewildered expression owing to some astounding good news. Your hard work was bound to pay off eventually. This result was inevitable from the outset.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Inspiration from without galvanizes willpower within. A friend's determination to improve causes you to re-evaluate your own personal habits. It seems

like everyone is making changes right now!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've been spending a lot of energy in sedentary mental pursuits, and now your body needs more attention. If you're not in the mood for exercise, you will enjoy games that get you moving.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A friend's seemingly small gesture prompts an emotional reaction that startles both of you. You forget sometimes just how deeply you feel things. Your emotional flexibility and availability is a wonderful gift.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your attraction secret is simple: You inspire people to feel good about themselves when they are around you. You ask questions and listen. You make them feel important, and they get addicted to your high esteem.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your stories are truthful, and yet you get a lot of incredulous looks in response to them. You can't help it if your life is more colorful, interesting and complex than the movies! But you can help whom you opt to tell about it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are already unique and don't need to go out of your way to cultivate any special aura. Believe in the strength of your current collection of talents and features. You have what you need, and all you have to do now is work it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be in an impulsive mood, but your inclinations may not be based in what's good for you. Make sure you're feeling calm and in control before you act, and consider all possible repercussions of your actions, too.

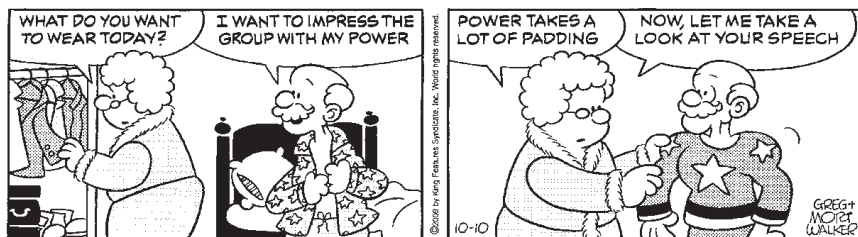
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You will be solving problems, though it doesn't happen without going through a process. The first solution you try may not work, but there are many alternatives. Be experimental.

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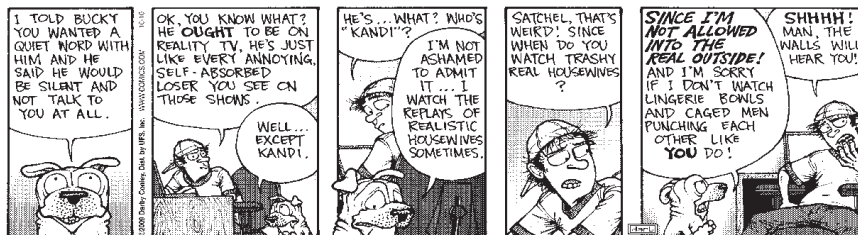
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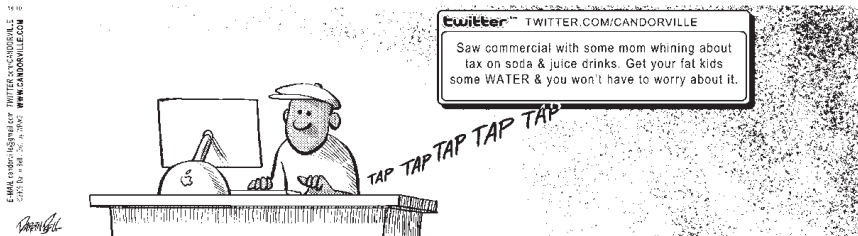
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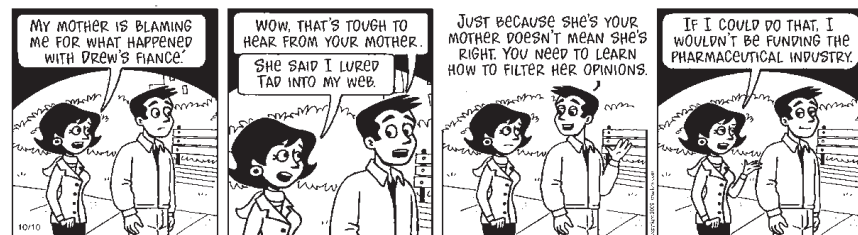
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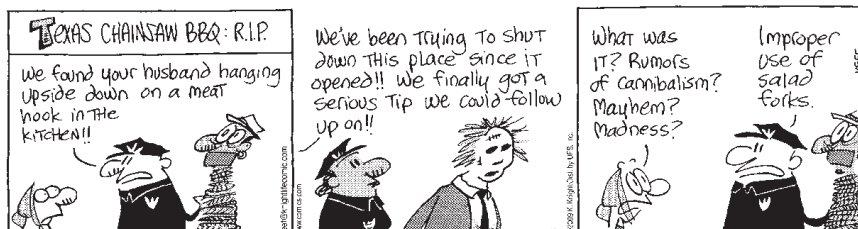
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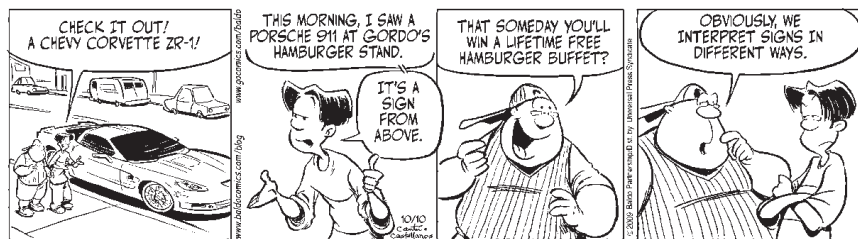
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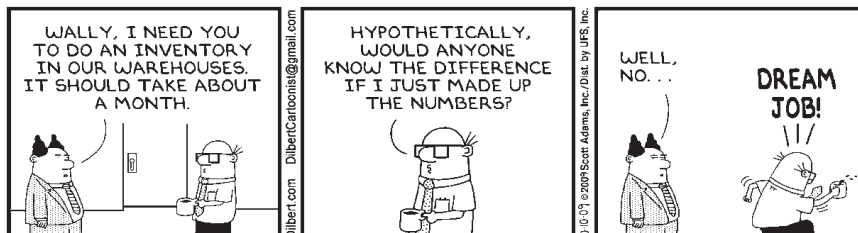
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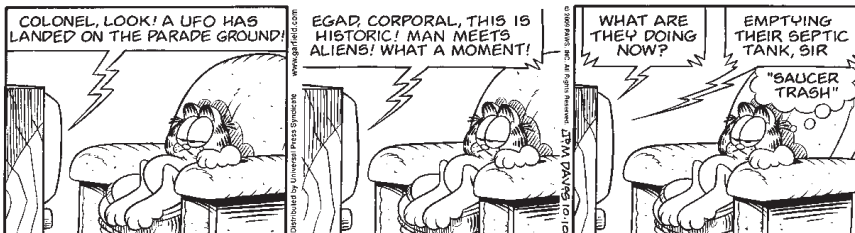
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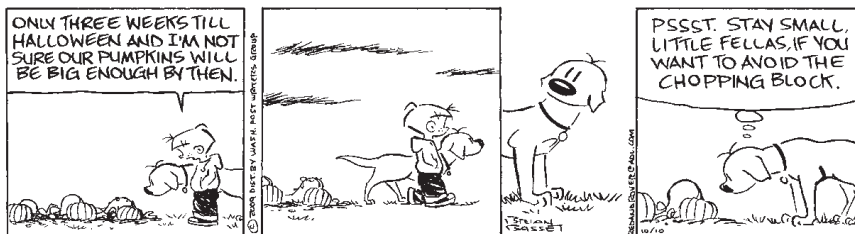
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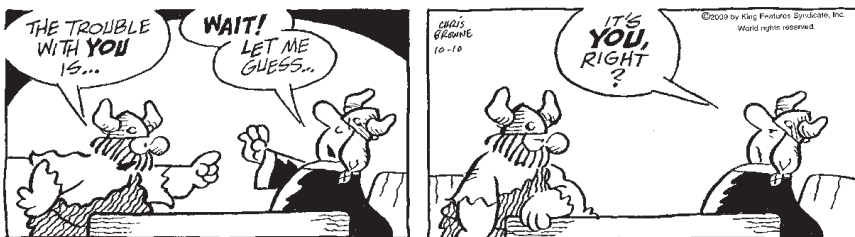
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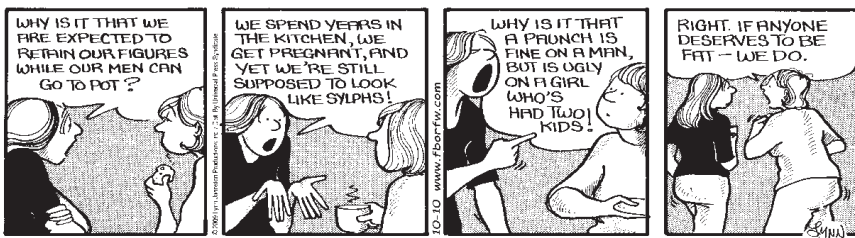
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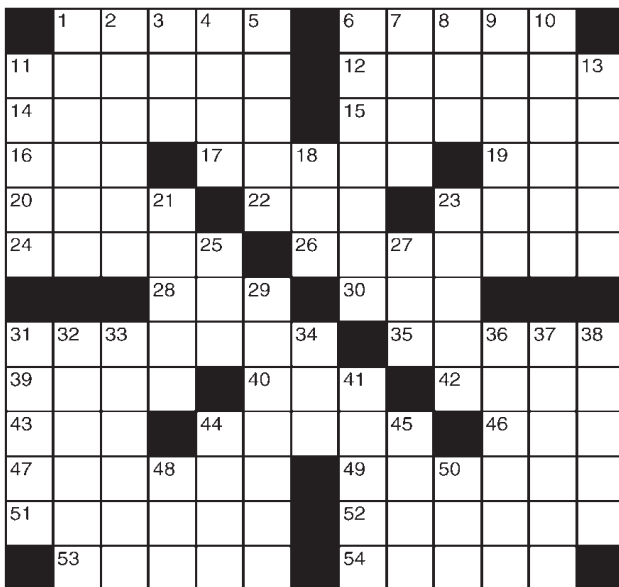
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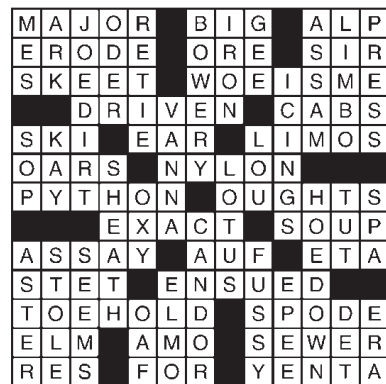
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- 24 Calculating snake?
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- 28 Force (Lat.)
- 30 "Holy cow!"
- 31 Win
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- 39 Got up
- 40 Corn spike
- 42 Night light
- 43 U.N. workers' grp.
- 44 "The Crucible" setting
- 46 Literary collection
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- 54 Indications of hunger

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- 11 Cousteau's gear
- 13 Neighborhoods
- 18 Winter ailment
- 21 Series of skits
- 23 Groom carefully
- 25 Edge
- 27 Society newbie
- 29 One skilled with a harpoon
- 31 Moment
- 32 "Doonesbury" journalist Hedley
- 33 Tristan's love
- 34 Actor Holbrook
- 36 It gets into hot water
- 37 Sweeties
- 38 Trap
- 41 Summary
- 44 Evening (Ital.)
- 45 Poet Angelou
- 48 Fix the soundtrack
- 50 Lavatory sign

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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AFRTS Television Schedule

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2009

	(AFN-ATLANTIC)	(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-PACIFIC)	(PENTAGON)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(XTRA)
15:00	Sesame Street	Funnest Home Videos	(2:50) Movie "M*A*S*H" (1970) Donald Sutherland. Hip Army surgeons make their own rules in Korea.	The Rachel Maddow Show	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty	How Do I Look?	SportsCenter	(2:00) Sports
15:30		Planet's Funniest Animals				Battleground			
16:00	The View	(3:50) Pokémon		Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	Army Newswatch	Top Gear	Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
16:30		(4:40) Zatch Bell		Tavis Smiley		EXchange on Air			
17:00	Dr. Phil	"Hannah Montana & Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds Disney 3D"	Behind the Scenes	Nightly Business Report	Wheel of Fortune	Around the Services	King of the Hill		X Play
17:30			The Big Tease	Nightline	Jeopardy!	Air Force Football	That '70s Show		Punk'd
18:00	The Dr. Oz Show		What It Takes	The O'Reilly Factor	World News-Gibson	Today's Air Force	Hispanic Heroes Famous Hispanic leaders.		The Simpsons
18:30		SpongeBob SquarePants	Entertainment Tonight		Around the Services	All Hands TV			Family Guy
19:00	Access Hollywood	Unfabulous	Movie "Stand and Deliver" (1988, Drama)	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Survivor: Samoa	Briefing Encore	Scrubs "My Cuz"		World Series of Poker
19:30	The King of Queens	True Jackson, VP	Edward James Olmos, Lou Diamond Phillips, Rosanna DeSoto.	Today	CSI: Miami Investigating a flight attendant's murder.	Fit For Duty	New Adv.-Old Christine		
20:00	The Young and the Restless	Sonny With a Chance				Battleground	Chuck Chuck is thrilled when he lands his dream job.		
20:30		Aaron Stone "First Strike"				Recon Revisited			
21:00	General Hospital	Wildfire "Dangerous Liaisons" Wildfire gets loose.	Movie "Walkout" (2006) Alexa Vega, Michael Peña. Chicano high-school students protest injustices in 1968.	Today	The Jay Leno Show	Around the Services	Brothers & Sisters "S3X"		South Park
21:30						Pacific Report			South Park
22:00	Days of our Lives	Heroes "The Line"		America's Newsroom	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Briefing Encore	Seinfeld	Sports	SportsNation
22:30						All Hands TV	Friends		
23:00	Oprah Winfrey	7th Heaven "Kiss"	(:05) Movie "The Dogs of War" (1980) Tom Berenger	Newsroom	Late Show-Letterman	Today's Air Force	Daily Show- Jon Stewart		Attack of the Show!
23:30						Downrange	The Colbert Report		

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2009

00:00	Wheel of Fortune	Unfabulous	(11:05) Movie "The Dogs of War" (1980) Tom Berenger	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	Recon	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(10:00) Sports	X Play
00:30	Jeopardy!	True Jackson, VP			The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty			Punk'd
1:00	Headline News	Sonny With a Chance	(:05) Movie "Scarface" (1983, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Michelle Pfeiffer, Steven Bauer. A Cuban immigrant fights to the top of Miami's drug trade.	Happening Now	Judge Judy	The Grill Sergeants	Scrubs	Sports	The Simpsons
1:30	ATS/AFN Report	Aaron Stone "First Strike"				Around the Services	My Name Is Earl "The Trial"		Family Guy
2:00	Survivor: Samoa	Wildfire "Dangerous Liaisons" Wildfire gets loose.		Newsroom	House "Act Your Age"	Downrange	One Tree Hill Lucas receives a surprise visit from his uncle.		World Series of Poker
2:30						The American Veteran			
3:00	CSI: Miami Investigating a flight attendant's murder.	Heroes "The Line"		MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	EXchange on Air	Third Watch "After Time"	Sports	
3:30						State Dept Briefing			
4:00	The Jay Leno Show	7th Heaven "Kiss"	(:10) Movie "Stand and Deliver" (1988) Edward James Olmos. Students are inspired by their high-school math teacher.	Studio B With Shepard Smith	Dr. Phil	Battleground	Seinfeld		South Park
4:30						Around the Services	Friends	College Football Live	South Park
5:00	Headline News	Barney & Friends		The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Good Morning America	This Week in the Pentagon	Namaste Yoga	Sports	SportsNation Hosts Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.
5:30	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Oobi	(:10) Movie "Walkout" (2006) Alexa Vega, Michael Peña. Chicano high-school students protest injustices in 1968.	Glenn Beck	Good Morning America	National Guard News	Total Body Sculpt With Glad	Jim Rome Is Burning	Attack of the Show!
6:00		Sesame Street				Downrange	Easy Entertaining	Around the Horn	
6:30	Late Show With David Letterman	My Friend Rabbit		Around the Services	Dragon	Around the Services	Ace of Cakes	Pardon the Interruption	
7:00		Clifford's Puppy Days		NBC Nightly News	Ribert & Robert's	Briefing Encore	Ultimate Goals	SportsCenter	MTV Hits Playlist
7:30	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Charlie & Lola	(:15) Movie "Return to Snowy River" (1988) Tom Burlinson. Australian horse-man Jim Craig returns to reclaim his home.	World News-Gibson	Maya & Miguel	Downrange	Clean House	Sports	Sports
8:00	Judge Judy	Mickey Mouse Clubhouse	(:10) Movie "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl" (2003) Johnny Depp. A blacksmith and a pirate must rescue a kidnapped damsel.	CBS Evening News	Danny Phantom	Around the Services			
8:30	House "Act Your Age"	Sid the Science Kid	(:10) Movie "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl" (2003) Johnny Depp. A blacksmith and a pirate must rescue a kidnapped damsel.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Entertainment Studios.com	Recon Revisited	At Sea "Naval Aviation"		
9:00		Phineas and Ferb			Criss Angel Mindfreak	State Dept Briefing	At Sea The U.S. Navy's specialized fleet of ships.		
9:30	Oprah Winfrey	The Buzz on Maggie	(:10) Movie "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl" (2003) Johnny Depp. A blacksmith and a pirate must rescue a kidnapped damsel.	Hannity	NHL Hockey Dallas Stars at Calgary Flames. From the Pengrowth Saddledome in Calgary. (Live)	Fit For Duty	At Sea Military operations are conducted beneath the waves.		Sports
10:00	Dr. Phil	My Life as a Teenage Robot		Anderson Cooper 360		FNG Useful benefits.	Latin Lifestyles		
11:00		Static Shock				Fit For Duty	Urban Style		
11:30	CBS Evening News	Teen Kids News	(:45) Movie "Gardens of Stone" (1987) James Caan. Arlington cemetery sergeant loves anti-Vietnam War newswoman.	Special Report With Bret Baier	ESPN	Battleground	Designed to Sell		
12:00	ESPN	Grossology		Campbell Brown	Expedition Africa "The Final Chapter"	Around the Services	Tyler's Ultimate		
12:30	NBC Nightly News	Out There	(:35) Movie "The Guardian" (2006, Drama) Kevin Costner, Ashton Kutcher, Sela Ward. A Coast Guard trainer makes a swimming champ his protege.	Your World With Neil Cavuto	Access Hollywood	AFN Europe Report	Chopped One of the contestants impresses the judges.	SportsCenter	Sports
13:00	World News-Gibson	The Saddle Club				The Grill Sergeants	Eureka Carter must discover what is causing a debris cloud.		
13:30	Dragon	Faithful Friends		The Rachel Maddow Show	Deepest Catch The opilio crab season begins.	Fit For Duty	Stargate Atlantis "The Return" (Part 1 of 2)	SportsCenter	MTV Hits Playlist
14:00	Ribert & Robert's	Crocodile Hunter's Croc Files		Around the Services	Law & Order "Political Animal"	Battleground			
14:30	Maya & Miguel	Animal Miracles "Life Amongst the Ruins"		Tavis Smiley	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Hill Family"	Recon	King of the Hill		Top 20 Countdown
15:00	Danny Phantom	Hercules: The Legendary Journeys		Nightly Business Report	World News-Gibson	Recon Revisited	That '70s Show		Top 20 Countdown
15:30	Naruto			The O'Reilly Factor	ESPNEWS	Army Newswatch	Concert for the Troops		
16:00	Instant Star			Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Baggage"	This Week in the Pentagon	Gary Unmarried		ECW With Todd Grisham & Matt Striker.
16:30	Entertainment Studios.com	SpongeBob SquarePants	Movie "Hancock" (2008, Action) Will Smith, Charlize Theron. A scruffy superhero unwittingly wreaks havoc in Los Angeles.	Today	CSI: NY "Dead Inside"	The Grill Sergeants	The Big Bang Theory		WWE SmackDown!
17:00	Criss Angel Mindfreak	The Fairly OddParents	(:35) Movie "Meet the Fockers" (2004, Comedy) Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller. Future in-laws clash in Florida.			Battleground	The Unit A deadly gas seeps into the unit's community.		
17:30	Expedition Africa "The Final Chapter"	Bindi the Jungle Girl		MSNBC Live	America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back	Balad and Beyond	Prison Break "The Sunshine State"		
18:00		Adventure Camp			Headline News	All Hands TV	Saturday Night Live	Sports	SportsNation Hosts Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.
18:30	Access Hollywood	So You Think You Can Dance	Movie "Fight Club" (1999, Suspense) Brad Pitt, Edward Norton.	Bulls and Bears	Futurama (Part 4 of 4)	Pacific Report			Attack of the Show!
19:00				Cavuto on Business	'Til Death "Bedtime Stories"	Recon			
19:30	Deadliest Catch The opilio crab season begins.	Movie "Race to Witch Mountain" (2009) Dwayne Johnson. A Las Vegas cabbie must protect two paranormal youths.			Back to You "Date Night"	This Week in the Pentagon	Austin City Limits		
20:00	Law & Order "Political Animal"	Movie "Underdog" (2007, Adventure) Voices of Jason Lee, Jim Belushi, Peter Dinklage.	(8:50) Movie "Meet the Fockers" (2004, Comedy) Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller. Future in-laws clash in Florida.						
21:00	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Baggage"								
21:30	CSI: NY "Dead Inside"								
22:00									
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00:00	America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back	So You Think You Can Dance	(11:00) Movie "Fight Club" (1999, Suspense) Brad Pitt, Edward Norton.	Forbes on FOX	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Paternity"	FNG Useful benefits.	(11:30) Austin City Limits	(10:00) Sports	Top 20 Countdown
00:30				Cashin' In		Fit For Duty	Denise Richards		
1:00	Sports	Movie "Race to Witch Mountain" (2009) Dwayne Johnson. A Las Vegas cabbie must protect two paranormal youths.	(:35) Movie "Rush Hour" (1998, Action) Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker. Two detectives join forces in a kidnapping case.	Newsroom	Bones "The Man in the Cell"	Around the Services	Trading Spouses: Meet Your New Mommy (Part 1 of 2)		Sports
1:30					House "All In"	Around the Services	Boston Legal "Dumping Bella"		
2:00				Your Money		Around the Services			
2:30						Around the Services			
3:00				This Week in the Pentagon	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Baggage"	Around the Services	Judging Amy "Hold on Tight"	Sports	
3:30				Wall Street Journal Report	CSI: NY "Dead Inside"	First Air Force Now	Austin City Limits "Los Lonely Boys; The Gourds"		Sports
4:00				Glenn Beck		Battleground			
4:30						FNG Useful benefits.			
5:00	Sports	SpongeBob SquarePants	(:15) Movie "Meet the Fockers" (2004) Robert De Niro.	Newsroom	America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back	This Week in the Pentagon	Namaste Yoga		
5:30		Barney & Friends				The Benning Report	Total Body Sculpt With Glad		
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High school scoreboard

Okinawa

Cross country

Thursday's results
At Jack's Place, Kadena Air Base
3.1-mile course
Boys team scores
1, Kubasaki, 36; 2, Kadena, 38; 3, Zion Christian Academy, 79; 4, Okinawa Christian International, 124.

Boys individual results
1, Jacob Bishop, Kadena, 17 minutes, 16 seconds

2, Tomas Sanchez, Kadena, 17:42
3, Shino Wakita, Zion, 18:34
4, Cristian Rodriguez, Kubasaki, 18:48
5, Jordan Roberts, Kubasaki, 18:52
6, Andrew Kilkeny, Kadena, 19:04
7, Zach Pelky, Kadena, 19:06
8, Jonathan Goddard, Kubasaki, 19:09
9, Kevin Conlon, Kubasaki, 19:11
10, Evan Warner, Kubasaki, 19:11

Girls team scores
1, Kadena, 27; 2, Zion Christian Academy, 63; 3, Kubasaki, 67; 4, Okinawa Christian International, incomplete team.

Girls individual results
1, Chasity Cordova, Kadena, 21 minutes, 18 seconds

2, Teana Baker, Zion, 21:47
3, Andrea Grade, Kadena, 22:37
4, Sarah Wilson, Zion, 22:42
5, Mia Cordova, 22:45
6, Abigail Wall, Kubasaki, 22:47
7, Rachael Hensen, Kubasaki, 23:30
8, Yukino Nagai, Kadena, 23:33
9, Brenna O'Brien, Kubasaki, 23:55
10, Avery Lennard, Kadena, 24:01

Tennis
Thursday's results
At Camp Foster

Boys
Kadena 7, Kubasaki 0

Singles
Kyle Sprow def. Cody Everett 6-1, 6-1
Elliot Mason def. Kris Wood 8-0
Arlo Taylor def. Taft Harbison 8-0
Ryan Yergler def. Joe Kim 8-6
Donovan Tracy def. Dale Tubat 8-6

Doubles
Sprow and Mason def. Everett and Wood 6-0, 6-1

Taylor and Yergler def. Harbison and Kim 8-1

Girls
Kadena 6, Kubasaki 1

Singles
Elissa Mason, Kadena, def. Tammi Ragan 6-2, 6-0

Christin Gentz, Kadena, def. Monica Saldana 8-1

Katie Mundie, Kadena, def. Taijha Nakahara 8-1

Katelynn Knox, Kubasaki, def. Minjung Kim 8-6

Emily Zaher, Kadena, def. Miasha Nakahara 9-7

Doubles
Mason and Kim def. Ragan and Knox 6-4, 6-1

Gentz and Mundie def. Saldana and Taijha Nakahara 8-4

Girls volleyball
Thursday's summary
Kubasaki def. Kadena 25-21, 25-19, 25-12

At Kadena Air Base
Spike kills-Kubasaki, Brittani Hinson 7, Gabby Falco 7. **Service aces**-Kubasaki, Gabby Falco 5 (all first set). **Set assists**-Kubasaki, Ku'uleialoha Ampom 10, Vanessa Ellis 7; Kadena, Mary Schweers 9. **Block points**-Kubasaki, Gabby Falco 7.

South Korea

Tennis

Wednesday's results

At Camp George

Boys

Daegu 3, Taejon Christian Int'l 2

Singles

Russell Midomaru, Daegu, def. Seung-min Choi 8-0

Ronald Midomaru, Daegu, def. Michael Shin 8-5

Matthew Hwang, Daegu, def. David Kim 8-3

Doubles

Jun Do and Jiho Lee, TCIS, def. Jae Kim and Alexander Georges 9-7

Jason Rhim and Justin Lee, TCIS, def. Sungwook Hwang and Shawn Jang 8-0

Girls

Taejon Christian Int'l 5, Daegu 0

Singles

Seoyoung Myaeng def. Victoria Lagat 8-5

Lucia Jeong def. Betty Lee 8-4

Jihyun Rhim def. Isabel Georges 8-6

Doubles

Alice Lee and Jean Park def. Christina Thompson and Eunice Lee 8-4

Ji Hoe Lee and Jenny Kim def. Hannah Scanlon and Hannah Davis 8-2

Cross country

Wednesday's results

At Yongsan Garrison, 3.1-mile course

Boys team scores

Seoul American 26, Seoul Foreign 29

Seoul American 15, Korea Int'l 46

Seoul American 20, ICS-Uijeongbu 38

Seoul Int'l 23, Yongsan Int'l 34

Seoul International 21, Korea Int'l 38

Seoul Foreign 15, Korea Int'l 48

Seoul Foreign 20, Yongsan Int'l 41

Seoul American 21, Seoul Int'l 36

International Christian-Uijeongbu 22, Yongsan International-Seoul 33

ICS-Uijeongbu 18, Korea Int'l 38

YIS-Seoul 23, Korea International 35

Boys individual results

1, Thomas Kim, SAHS, 16 minutes, 47 seconds

2, Japeth DeVries, ICS-U, 17:04

3, Peter Moon, SIS, 17:07

4, Roland Umuro, YIS-S, 18:17
5, Jakob Alejandro, SFS, 18:17.9
6, Robbie Goodpaster, SAHS, 18:30
7, Stephen Lee, SFS, 18:35
8, Andrew Murphy, SAHS, 18:41
9, Jacob Lunden-Welden, SFS, 18:42
10, A.J. Waller, SAHS, 18:44

Girls team scores

Seoul American 21, Seoul Foreign 34

Seoul American 15, Korea Int'l 45

Seoul American 15, ICS-Uijeongbu 47

Seoul Foreign 18, YIS-Seoul 45

Seoul Foreign 15, Korea Int'l 47

Yongsan International-Seoul 27, Seoul International 28

Korea Int'l 23, Seoul Int'l 33

Seoul American 17, Seoul Int'l 42

ICS-Uijeongbu 28, YIS-Seoul 29

International Christian-Uijeongbu 27, Korea Int'l 30

Girls individual results

1, Siarra Ingram, SAHS, 19 minutes, 26 seconds

2, Jessalyn Bialke, SAHS, 20:38

3, Amanda Henderson, SAHS, 20:38

4, Janel Jorgensen, SFS, 20:41

5, Jaime Park, SFS, 21:33

6, Elsie Chung, YIS-S, 21:58

7, Samantha Kim, SFS, 22:16

8, Jasmine Park, SIS, 22:37

9, Dorothy Krebill, SAHS, 22:39

10, Jessica Wenzel, SAHS, 22:45

Girls volleyball

Wednesday's summary

Seoul American def. Osan American 25-13, 25-16, 25-9

At Osan Air Base

Spike kills-SAHS, Destinee' Harrison 12 in 19 attempts, Liz Gleaves 5 in 13 attempts; Osan, Nicole Sparks 7. **Serving**-SAHS, Hannah Safford 18-for-19, Liz Gleaves 11-for-13, Ashley Witt 9-for-10. **Destinee' Harrison** 9-for-11, Megan Chase 8-for-11. **Set assists**-SAHS, Britany Grandy 12. **Defensive digs**-SAHS, Liz Gleaves 9, Megan Chase 5.

Boys volleyball

Thursday's summary

International Christian-Uijeongbu def. Centennial Christian 25-11, 25-13, 25-16

At Uijeongbu

ICS-U—Hugh Benner 23-for-25 serving, 8 aces. Levi Miller 6 spike kills in 13 attempts. Michael Freel 5 spike kills in 8 attempts. John Gang 9 set assists.

Japan

Girls volleyball

Tuesday's summary

Seisen International def. American School in Japan 25-18, 25-11, 23-25, 14-25, 16-14

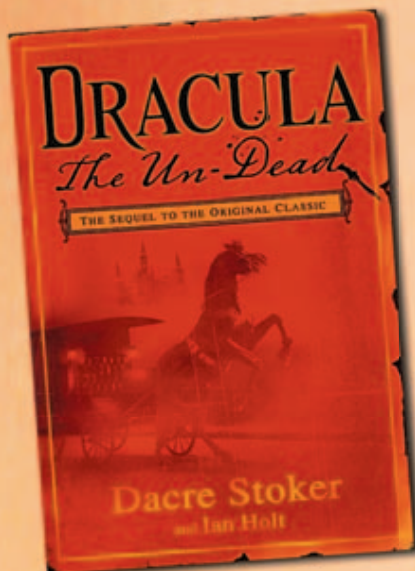
At Tokyo

Spike kills-ASIJ, Nina O'Leary 7 in 45 attempts, Kiko Porte' 5 in 33 attempts. **Serving**-ASIJ, Elena Wadden 22-for-25, 5 aces; Nina O'Leary 15-for-18.



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Two-time defending Far East boys singles champion Kyle Sprow, a Kadena senior, readies a forehand smash just in front of the net against Kubasaki's Cody Everett on Thursday at Camp Foster, Okinawa. Sprow won 6-1, 6-1, and Kadena's boys blanked Kubasaki 7-0.



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SCOREBOARD

Sports on AFN

College football

Pro football

Friday
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.-College football: Nebraska at Missouri (dld).
AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.-Golf: Presidents Cup, first round (dld).

Saturday
AFN-Sports, 7 a.m.-MLB playoffs: AL Division Series, Minnesota at N.Y. Yankees, Game 2.
AFN-Pacific, 10 a.m.-NHL: Dallas at Calgary.
AFN-Xtra, 10 a.m.-College football: Louisiana Tech at Nevada.
AFN-Sports, 10:30 a.m.-MLB playoffs: AL Division Series, Boston at L.A. Angels, Game 2.
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.-WNBA playoffs: Finals, Indiana at Phoenix, Game 5 (dld).
AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.-Golf: Presidents Cup, second round (dld; joined in progress).

Sunday
AFN-Atlantic, 1 a.m.-College football: Vanderbilt at Army.
AFN-Sports, 1 a.m.-College football: Boston College at Virginia Tech.
AFN-Xtra, 1 a.m.-College football: Auburn at Arkansas.
AFN-Atlantic, 4:30 a.m.-College football: Navy at Rice.
AFN-Sports, 4:30 a.m.-College football: Alabama at Mississippi.
AFN-Xtra, 7:30 a.m.-MLB playoffs: NL Division Series, L.A. Dodgers at St. Louis, Game 3.
AFN-Atlantic, 8:30 a.m.-College football: Texas Christian at Air Force.
AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.-College football: Florida at LSU.
AFN-Xtra, 10:30 a.m.-MLB playoffs: NL Division Series, Philadelphia at Colorado, Game 3.
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.-Golf: Presidents Cup, third round (dld).
AFN-Xtra, 4 p.m.-Auto racing: NASCAR Nationwide Camping World 300 (dld).
AFN-Xtra, 7 p.m.-College football: Michigan at Iowa (dld).
AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.-College football: Wisconsin at Ohio State (dld).
AFN-Xtra, 10:30 p.m.-NBA preseason: Denver vs. Indiana at Beijing (dld).

All times are Japan and Korea Standard; (dld) indicates delayed broadcast. All listings are subject to change. Visit www.myafn.net for more information.

Pro basketball

NBA exhibition				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	2	0	1.000	—
New York	0	1	0.000	½
Boston	0	1	0.000	½
New Jersey	0	1	0.000	½
Toronto	0	2	.000	2
Southeast Division				
Orlando	2	0	1.000	—
Atlanta	1	0	1.000	½
Washington	1	0	1.000	½
Charlotte	0	1	.000	½
Miami	0	2	.000	2
Central Division				
Chicago	2	0	1.000	—
Detroit	2	0	1.000	—
Cleveland	1	0	1.000	½
Indiana	1	1	.500	1
Milwaukee	0	2	.000	2
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	2	0	1.000	—
Memphis	1	1	.500	½
Dallas	0	1	.000	½
New Orleans	0	1	.000	½
San Antonio	0	1	.000	½
Northwest Division				
Portland	2	0	1.000	—
Minnesota	1	0	1.000	½
Utah	1	1	.500	1
Denver	1	2	.333	½
Oklahoma City	0	1	.000	½
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	1	0	1.000	—
Golden State	1	1	.500	½
Phoenix	0	0	.000	½
L.A. Clippers	0	1	.000	1
Sacramento	0	2	.000	½

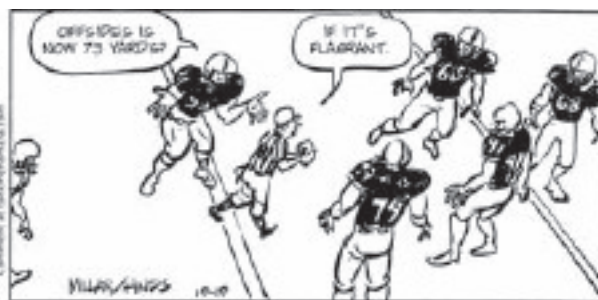
Tuesday's games
Chicago 102, Utah 101
Washington 101, Memphis 92
Cleveland 92, Charlotte 87
Philadelphia 107, Toronto 98
Houston 99, San Antonio 85
Phoenix 111, Partizan 80
Portland 98, Sacramento 86
Wednesday's games
Orlando 90, Miami 86
Atlanta 108, New Orleans 102
Philadelphia 84, Toronto 79
Detroit 113, Milwaukee 104
Memphis 99, Oklahoma City 91
Houston 96, Boston 90
Portland 89, Sacramento 86
L.A. Lakers 118, Golden State 101
Thursday's games
Indiana 126, Denver 104
Utah at Real Madrid
New Orleans vs. Charlotte at Greensboro, N.C.
Friday's games
Houston at Orlando
Dallas at Washington
New Jersey at Philadelphia
New York at Boston
Toronto at Minnesota
Olympiacos at Sacramento
Golden State at L.A. Lakers
Portland at L.A. Clippers

Schedule	
Thursday, Oct. 8	
EAST	
Colgate (5-0) at Princeton (1-2)	
MIDWEST	
Nebraska (3-1) at Missouri (4-0)	
Friday, Oct. 9	
FAR WEST	
Louisiana Tech (2-2) at Nevada (1-3)	
Saturday, Oct. 10	
EAST	
Vanderbilt (2-3) at Army (2-3)	
Robert Morris (0-5) at Cent. Connecticut St. (3-1)	
Villanova (5-0) at New Hampshire (4-0)	
Illinois (4-1) at Penn St. (4-1)	
St. Francis, Pa. (1-4) at Sacred Heart (0-4)	
MIDWEST	
West Virginia (3-1) at Syracuse (2-3)	
Dartmouth (0-3) at Yale (1-2)	
Holy Cross (4-0) at Brown (1-2)	
Harvard (2-1) at Cornell (2-1)	
Georgetown, D.C. (0-5) at Lehigh (0-4)	
Duquesne (2-3) at Albany, N.Y. (3-2)	
Maine (2-3) at Hofstra (3-2)	
Jacksonville (2-2) at Marist (2-3)	
Wagner (2-3) at Monmouth, N.J. (2-2)	
William & Mary (4-1) at Northeastern (0-5)	
Bucknell (3-2) at Penn (1-2)	
Towson (1-3) at Rhode Island (1-3)	
Ball St. (0-5) at Temple (2-2)	
Gardner-Webb (3-1) at Buffalo (1-4)	
Connecticut (3-1) at Pittsburgh (4-1)	
Texas Southern (1-3) at Rutgers (3-1)	
Massachusetts (3-1) at Delaware (3-1)	
SOUTH	
Bryant (3-1) at Fordham (1-3)	
Columbia (2-1) at Lafayette (3-1)	
Saturday, Oct. 10	
SOUTH	
Boston College (4-1) at Virginia Tech (4-1)	
Richmond (4-0) at James Madison (2-2)	
Georgia (3-2) at Tennessee (2-3)	
Houston (3-1) at Mississippi St. (2-3)	
Kentucky (2-2) at South Carolina (4-1)	
Dayton (3-1) at Campbell (1-3)	
Morehead St. (2-3) at Davidson (1-3)	
N. Carolina A&T (3-2) at Morgan St. (2-3)	
S. Carolina St. (3-1) at Norfolk St. (2-2)	
The Citadel (2-2) at Elon (4-1)	
Prairie View (2-1) at Alabama St. (2-1)	
Tennessee Tech (2-2) at Tenn.-Martin (2-3)	
N.C. Central (0-5) at Appalachian St. (2-2)	
Alabama (5-0) at Mississippi (3-1)	
Georgia Southern (3-2) at North Carolina (3-2)	
Marshall (3-2) at Tulane (2-2)	
Indiana (3-2) at Virginia (1-3)	
Alabama A&M (4-1) at Grambling St. (2-3)	
Jacksonville St. (3-2) at Murray St. (1-3)	
Duke (2-3) at N.C. State (3-2)	
Chattanooga (3-1) at Samford (3-2)	
MVU (2-2) at Alcorn St. (0-3)	
Ark.-Pine Bluff (2-2) at Jackson St. (0-4)	
Tennessee St. (2-3) at E. Kentucky (3-2)	

Tennis

China Open	
Thursday	
At The Beijing Tennis Centre	
Beijing	
Purse: Men, \$3,357 million (WT500); Women, \$4.5 million (Premier)	
Surface: Hard-Outdoor	
Singles	
Men	
Second Round	
Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. James Blake, United States, 5-6, 7-4, 6-3.	
Ivan Ljubicic, Croatia, def. Lukasz Kubot, Poland, 7-6 (6), 4-6, 6-4.	
Marat Safin, Russia, def. Fernando Gonzalez (7), Chile, 6-3, 6-4.	
Robin Soderling (6), Sweden, def. Tommy Robredo, Spain, 6-3, 6-3.	
Women	
Third Round	
Marion Bartoli (14), France, def. Zhang Shuai, China, 6-1, 6-4.	
Agnieszka Radwanska (12), Poland, def. Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez, Spain, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.	
Vera Zvonareva (7), Russia, def. Flavia Penetta (10), Italy, 6-3, 5-7, 7-5.	
Nadia Petrova (13), Russia, def. Serena Williams (2), United States, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (5).	

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NFL injury report
NEW YORK — The updated National Football League injury report, as provided by the league:

SUNDAY
CINCINNATI BENGALS at BALTIMORE RAVENS — **BENGALS:** OUT: T Andre Smith (foot). DNP: RB Cedric Benson (hip), LB Rashad Jeanty (finger), LB Rey Maulu-luga (knee), S Chinedum Ndukwe (ham-string). LIMITED: DT Tank Johnson (foot), DT Domata Peko (chest). FULL: CB David Jones (foot), S Roy Williams (forearm). **RAVENS:** DNP: T Jared Gaither (neck), LB Jarret Johnson (shoulder), WR Derrick Mason (neck), WR Demetrius Williams (illness). LIMITED: CB Chris Carr (groin), LB LB Tavaree Gooden (shoulder), NT Haloti Ngata (back), S Ed Reed (knee).

CLEVELAND BROWNS at BUFFALO BILLS — **BROWNS:** DNP: S Mike Adams (groin), K Phil Dawson (right calf), RB Lawrence Vickers (illness). LIMITED: LB David Bowens (knee), CB Cove Francies (calf), G Rex Hadnot (knee), LB D'Qwell Jackson (hamstring), RB Jamal Lewis (hamstring), DT Shaun Rogers (foot), LB Kamerion Wimbley (shoulder), G Floyd Womack (ankle). FULL: DE Kenyon Coleman (groin), CB Gerard Lawson (groin), CB Eric Wright (hand), P Dave Zastudil (right knee). **BILLS:** DNP: DE Chris Ellis (not injury related), LB Paul Poslusny (forearm), S Bryan Scott (ankle), S Dontze Whitner (thumb). LIMITED: T Demetrius Bell (groin), S Jairus Byrd (hip), DT John McCargo (calf).

WASHINGTON REDSKINS at CAROLINA PANTHERS — **REDSKINS:** DNP: DT Anthony Montgomery (knee), P Hunter Smith (left groin). LIMITED: DT Cornelius Griffin (elbow). **PANTHERS:** DNP: RB Mike Goodson (concussion). LIMITED: DE Dewayne Brown (ankle), LB Na'il Diggs (rib), RB Tony Fiammetta (ankle), S Chris Harris (knee), RB Jonathan Stewart (Achilles).

PITTSBURGH STEELERS at DETROIT LIONS — **STEELERS:** DNP: LB Andre Frazier (shoulder), G Chris Kemoeatu (ankle), RB Willie Parker (toe), WR Hines Ward (not injury related). LIMITED: S Troy Polamalu (knee). **LIONS:** DNP: T Gosder Cherilus (shoulder), DT Sammie Hill (ankle), WR Calvin Johnson (thigh), S Kalvin Pearson (quad), S Ko Simpson (hamstring), QB Matthew Stafford (knee), DE Dewayne White (hamstring). LIMITED: DT Grady Jackson (knee), LB Ernie Sims (shoulder). FULL: DE Cliff Avril (hamstring), RB Kevin Smith (shoulder).

DALLAS COWBOYS at KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — **COWBOYS:** DNP: C Andre Gumbel (knee), S Michael Hamlin (wrist), LB Curtis Johnson (hamstring), RB Felix Jones (knee), S Gerald Sensabaugh (thumb), WR Roy Williams (ribs). FULL: T Flozell Adams (shoulder), RB Marion Barber (thigh), LB Jason Williams (ankle). **CHIEFS:** LIMITED: DE Wallace Gilberry (head).

OAKLAND RAIDERS at NEW YORK GIANTS — **RAIDERS:** Practice not complete. **GIANTS:** OUT: LB Michael Boley (knee). DNP: TE Kevin Boss (ankle), RB Ahmad Bradshaw (ankle, foot), DT Chris Canty (ankle), WR Michael Clayton (ribs), FULL: QB Byron Leftwich (hip), RB Derrick Ward (knee). **EAGLES:** DNP: G Todd Herremans (foot). FULL: WR Kevin Curtis (knee), S Quintin Damps (hamstring), CB Ellis Hobbs (illness), G Max Jean-Gilles (ankle), WR Winston Justice (ham-string), QB Donovan McNabb (rib), CB Dimitri Patterson (hand), RB Brian Westbrook (ankle).

MINNESOTA VIKINGS at ST. LOUIS RAMS — **VIKINGS:** Practice not complete. **RAMS:** DNP: S James Butler (knee). LIMITED: WR Donnie Avery (hamstring), CB Ron Bartell (thigh), QB Marc Bulger (right shoulder), WR Keenan Burton (hamstring), S Craig Dahl (concussion), S Anthony Smith (Achilles), T Jason Smith (knee).

ATLANTA FALCONS at SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — **FALCONS:** DNP: S Antoine Harris (knee). LIMITED: K Jason Elam (left ham-string), RB Ovie Mughelli (hamstring). **49ERS:** OUT: RB Frank Gore (foot, ankle),

CB Reggie Smith (groin), LB Jeff Ulbrich (concussion). DNP: LB Marques Harris (hamstring), DE Justin Smith (not injury related). LIMITED: LB Manny Lawson (illness), CB Allen Rossum (back). FULL: G David Baas (ankle), WR Arnaz Battle (hand).

HOUSTON TEXANS at ARIZONA CARDINALS — **TEXANS:** DNP: CB Fred Bennett (not injury related), LB Brian Cushing (illness), S Nick Ferguson (knee), DE Mario Williams (shoulder). LIMITED: G Mike Brisiel (shoulder), S John Busing (groin), C Antoine Caldwell (illness), TE James Casey (knee), TE Anthony Hill (illness), RB Ryan Moats (toe), CB Antwaan Molden (quadricpe). FULL: CB Jacques Reeves (finger). **CARDINALS:** LIMITED: WR Steve Breaston (knee), DT Darnell Dockett (ankle), DE Kenny Iwebema (ankle), CB Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie (finger), G Reggie Wells (thumb). FULL: QB Kurt Warner (right shoulder).

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS at DENVER BRONCOS — **PATRIOTS:** DNP: WR Randy Moss (not injury related), RB Fred Taylor (ankle). LIMITED: T Nick Kazcuz (ankle), LB Jerod Mayo (knee), S James Sanders (shoulder), CB Shawn Springs (knee), WR Wes Welker (knee), DT Vince Wilfork (ankle). FULL: QB Tom Brady (right shoulder), RB Brandon Tate (ankle), RB Fred Taylor (ankle), S Brian Dawkins (knee/shoulder), LB Spencer Larsen (shoulder). LIMITED: G Ben Hamilton (hamstring), CB Alphonso Smith (ankle).

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS at SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — **JAGUARS:** OUT: DE Greg Peterson (knee). DNP: S Sean Considine (groin), LB Adam Seward (groin), CB Scott Starks (hip), T Tra Thomas (knee). LIMITED: LB Clint Ingram (ankle). FULL: DT Derek Landri (wrist). **SEAHAWKS:** OUT: LB Leroy Hill (groin), T Walter Jones (knee), T Sean Locklear (ankle), G Rob Sims (ankle). DNP: DE Patrick Kerney (groin). LIMITED: RB Justin Griffith (knee), QB Matt Hasselbeck (rib), LB Lofa Tatupu (hamstring). FULL: CB Josh Wilson (ankle).

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS at TENNESSEE TITANS — **COLTS:** DNP: DE Dwight Freene (not injury related), WR Anthony Gonzalez (knee), CB Kelvin Hayden (hamstring), CB Marlin Jackson (knee), T Charlie Johnson (knee). LIMITED: S Bob Sanders (knee). **TITANS:** DNP: LB Colin Allred (shoulder), S Vincent Fuller (forearm), CB Nick Harper (ribs), DT Jason Jones (shoulder). LIMITED: LB Keith Bulluck (knee), CB Cortland Finnegan (hamstring), LB Stanford Keglar (ham-string). FULL: WR Nate Washington (con-cussion).

Deals

Wednesday's transactions

BASEBALL
National League
NEW YORK METS—Acquired OF Chris Carter and 1B Eddie Lora from the Boston Red Sox to complete an earlier trade.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NEW YORK KNICKS—Waived F Warren Carter, G Ron Howard, G Gabe Pruitt and G Sun Yue.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL—Signed New York Jets' QB Mark Sanchez \$5,000 for his low block on New Orleans linebacker Jonathan Vilma in an Oct. 4 game.

CHICAGO BEARS—Signed G Johan Asiatu to the practice squad. Released CB Woody Turrene from the practice squad.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Traded WR Braylon Edwards to the New York Jets for WR Chansi Stuckey, LB Jason Trusnik and two undisclosed draft picks.

DALLAS COWBOYS—Reached an injury settlement with RB Keon Lattimore and released him from the reserve/injured list.

DETROIT LIONS—Claimed S Marvin White off waivers from Dallas. Signed LB Zach Follett from the practice squad. Released LB Darnell Bing. Placed WR Adam Jennings on injured reserve.

OAKLAND RAIDERS—Re-signed RB Gary Russell. Released KR Justin Miller. **SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS**—Signed WR Michael Crabtree to a six-year contract. Signed OLB Martail Burnett to the practice squad.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Re-signed OT Kyle Williams to the practice squad. **TAMPA BAY BUCCANERS**—Signed DE Maurice Evans.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
BOSTON BRUINS—Signed F Milan Lucic to a three-year contract extension through the 2012-13 season.

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Acquired LW Kyle Greentree from the Calgary Flames in exchange for D Aaron Johnson.

NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Signed F Dave Scatchard to a one-year contract and assigned him to Milwaukee (AHL). **NEW JERSEY DEVILS**—Announced that RW Brendan Shanahan has cleared waivers.

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Signed D Simon Despres to a three-year entry level contract.

PHOENIX COYOTES—Recalled F Francis Lessard from San Antonio (AHL). **TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING**—Assigned D Matt Smbay to Norfolk (AHL).

COLLEGE
HOFSTRA—Named James Lally and Kelly Haynes assistant baseball coach-es.

A WEEKLY LOOK **RACING STRIPES** AT MOTORSPORTS

Once again, all eyes are on Danica

IndyCar or NASCAR? Patrick's secrecy over plans add intrigue to IRL's title weekend

By TIM REYNOLDS
The Associated Press

DHOMESTEAD, Fla. Danica Patrick's moment of clarity came three years ago.

It was the Firestone Indy 400 at Michigan International Speedway, a race made memorable by a meltdown. Patrick ran out of gas with less than three laps to go, climbed from her car and embarked on a foot-stomping, fist-shaking tantrum before taking refuge behind the pit wall.

Never did it cross her mind that people were watching.

"I figured, 'Oh, the last couple laps of the race are going on — they're not looking at me right now,'" Patrick said. "Then I kind of find out there was a camera focused purely on me."

From the moment Patrick joined the Indy Racing League, just about all the cameras have been focused on her.

It'll be that way again this weekend at Homestead-Miami Speedway when Patrick lines up in the season-ending Firestone Indy 300, with two stories likely taking center stage: The super-tight championship battle among Scott Dixon, Dario Franchitti and Ryan Briscoe, and Patrick's plans for 2010 and beyond.

"We feel pretty comfortable — although it's not our announcement to make and it's a little bit premature — that she's going to be with us and she's going to be with us for a reasonably good term," said Terry Angstadt, president of IndyCar's commercial division. "She's a star."

Patrick has long said she won't disclose anything until the season



MARK HUMPHREY/AP

Danica Patrick, riding in the Indianapolis 500 Festival Parade, refuses to talk about her plans for 2010, even though one media outlet reported that she will stay in IndyCar with Andretti Green Racing.

ends, although The Indianapolis Star reported last month that she has agreed to a three-year extension with Andretti Green Racing. Asked twice about that report last week, Patrick didn't say a word either time.

Her teammate, Tony Kanaan, can relate on some level to what IRL's most marketable driver is going through. He handled contract renegotiations last year, albeit ones that didn't command the attention that Patrick's are getting.

There's long been expectations she will eventually make

the jump to NASCAR, likely with Tony Stewart's team.

Patrick has said she's considering "some NASCAR stuff," but immediately follows that up by insisting that no decisions have been made on what that means.

The most popular theory is that Patrick will continue with IRL, and also getting experience in NASCAR's Nationwide or trucks series, possibly next year.

If Patrick even knows, she's not saying.

"It's a distraction," Kanaan said. "But that's the price that you pay to be a superstar, and she

is. The reality is, she's huge. She's big. She's a huge asset for anybody, for any series."

Depending on how she does Saturday, Patrick could finish fourth in this year's IRL standings. She's improved her placing every year in IRL, going from 12th in 2005 to ninth in 2006, seventh in 2007 and sixth in 2008.

Winning in Japan last year, although historic, didn't leave Patrick feeling any more relaxed.

"I didn't feel that much different afterward," she said.

"I felt the same pressure to win, to win again, and there's that

old saying: You're only as good as your last race. ... You have a little bit more confidence, I suppose, but I didn't really feel that much different. I'm just continuously learning."

Patrick had five top-five finishes in this season's first eight races. But she hasn't finished higher than sixth in the past eight races, perhaps indicating that all the hype about her future could be taking a toll.

Kanaan doesn't see it that way.

"It hasn't affected her performance yet. And if it hasn't by now, I don't think it will," said Kanaan, who says he doesn't know what Patrick's schedule will be in 2010, and adds that he's told his friend that he doesn't want to know until she announces it publicly.

Patrick does acknowledge this much: She's paid a high price for fame.

So this year, instead of letting anger and frustration show, she's made a conscious effort to hide her emotions. They're still there, but she's hopeful that the days of people remembering episodes such as stomping around at Michigan are behind her.

That's also why, when her future comes up, she clams up. She's told confidantes that she's not ready to reveal anything, and doesn't know when that will change.

"Getting mad really didn't give me the best performances," Patrick said.

"I will never know if it affects me out there. I won't. I feel like I deal with it the best possible way and I try to keep people around me that are good, that are positive, that are honest and good for me as a driver. That's the best I can do."

FAST FACTS

SPRINT CUP

Race 30: Pepsi 500 at Auto Club Speedway, Fontana, Calif. 5 a.m. Monday, AFN-Xtra

Last race: Tony Stewart won at Kansas Speedway, taking the lead with a two-tire stop and holding off Jeff Gordon for his fourth victory of the season. The two-time series champion moved to fourth in the standings with seven races left.

Last year: Jimmie Johnson raced to the second of his three 2008 Chase victories on his way to his third straight season title, leading 228 of 250 laps.

Worth noting: Matt Kenseth won the February race to match Gordon and Johnson for the track victory record with three. Kenseth failed to qualify for the Chase.

Next race: NASCAR Banking 500, Oct. 17, Lowe's Motor Speedway, Concord, N.C.



Driver to watch: Though he has yet to win a race this season, Jeff Gordon was coming on strong and was about to overtake Stewart during last week's race at Kansas.

DRIVER STANDINGS

Through 29 of 36 races

1. Mark Martin	5,551
2. Jimmie Johnson	5,533
3. Juan Pablo Montoya	5,500
4. Tony Stewart	5,484
5. Kurt Busch	5,460
6. Denny Hamlin	5,452
7. Jeff Gordon	5,448
8. Greg Biffle	5,437
9. Ryan Newman	5,387
10. Carl Edwards	5,386
11. Kasey Kahne	5,361
12. Brian Vickers	5,301
13. Kyle Busch	5,322
14. Matt Kenseth	3,475
15. David Reutimann	3,417
16. Clint Bowyer	3,411
17. Marcos Ambrose	3,180
18. Jeff Burton	3,062
19. Casey Mears	2,993
20. Joey Logano	2,921
21. Kevin Harvick	2,898
22. Dale Earnhardt Jr.	2,849
23. Jamie McMurray	2,822
24. AJ Allmendinger	2,801
25. Martin Truex Jr.	2,745

NATIONWIDE SERIES

This week: Copart 300 at Fontana, Calif. (Delayed, 4 p.m. Sunday, AFN-Xtra).

Next race: Dollar General 300, Oct. 16, Lowe's Motor Speedway, Concord, N.C.

Driver Standings

1. Kyle Busch	4,729
2. Carl Edwards	4,484
3. Brad Keselowski	4,422

CAMPING WORLD TRUCKS

Last race: Johnny Sauter raced to his first career Trucks victory on Sept. 26 at Las Vegas, taking the lead from Matt Crafton with 16 laps left.

Next race: Kroger 200, Oct. 24, Martinsville Speedway, Martinsville, Va.

Driver Standings

1. Ron Hornaday Jr.	3,210
2. Matt Crafton	3,013
3. Mike Skinner	2,955

FORMULA ONE

Last race: Red Bull's Sebastian Vettel led the Japanese Grand Prix from start to finish, reviving his championship hopes with two races left.

Next race: Brazilian Grand Prix, Oct. 18, Interlagos, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Driver Standings

1. Jensen Button	85
2. Rubens Barrichello	71
3. Sebastian Vettel	69

INDYCAR SERIES

This week: Firestone Indy 300 at Homestead, Fla. (Delayed, 1 p.m. Tuesday, AFN-Xtra).

Worth noting: The eight-point margin from first to third is the second-closest in IndyCar Series history with one race remaining.

Driver Standings

1. Scott Dixon	570
2. Dario Franchitti	565
3. Ryan Briscoe	562

NHRA

This week: Virginia NHRA Nationals at Richmond, Va. (8:30 a.m. Monday, AFN-Xtra).

Next event: NHRA Las Vegas Nationals, Oct. 29-Nov. 1, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas.

Driver Standings

1. Tony Schumacher	2,369
2. Larry Dixon	2,315
3. Cory McClenathan	2,276

Funny Car

1. Ashley Force Hood	2,307
2. Robert Hight	2,305
3. Tony Pedregon	2,282

Pro Stock

1. Mike Edwards	2,374
2. Jason Line	2,296
3. Greg Anderson	2,293

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THE CANADIAN PRESS, DARRYL DYCK/AP

Vancouver's Ryan Kesler pumps his fist after scoring against the Montreal Canadiens on Wednesday night. The Canucks had plenty to celebrate: Their 7-1 victory was their first of the season.

NHL roundup

Coyotes beat Pens, remain undefeated

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The Stanley Cup champion Pittsburgh Penguins' first bad game of the season was more than that. It was Coyote ugly.

Petr Prucha was knocked off his skates but still pushed the puck into the net while down on a Penguins player's back in the second period, and the Phoenix Coyotes took advantage of nine power plays to beat Pittsburgh 3-0 on Wednesday night.

Ilya Bryzgalov made 24 saves, only a handful of them difficult, as the Penguins played a flat, error-filled and uninspired game before leaving on a difficult five-game road trip that begins Thursday in Philadelphia.

"We weren't able to get a whole lot going. There's no real excuse for it, we weren't good at all, but we've got to move on," captain Sidney Crosby said.

Ed Jovanovski also scored on a power play for Phoenix, which is 2-0 with one game remaining on a season-opening road trip that began with a 6-3 victory at Los Angeles. Last season, the Coyotes managed only 30 points on the road, the fewest in the Western Conference, and won successive games away from home twice.

"Facing the defending Stanley Cup champions, it was a big challenge for us and I think we played well," Bryzgalov said. "It's a good turning point for us. The team has confidence right now."

Pittsburgh tried but failed to win its first three games of a season for the first time since 1995, giving little support to Brent Johnson. He made 22 saves in his first start for the Stanley Cup

champions, and hardly could be blamed for one of the Penguins' worst efforts under coach Dan Bylsma.

"I don't think our guys went into the game with a lackadaisical effort," Bylsma said. "I don't think they weren't focused on playing. When you don't execute, you're not paying attention to details, and your brain's not focused on what's coming at you and making the right play."

Not much is expected this season from the Coyotes, who are in financial limbo with the franchise's future unsettled. Dave Tippett replaced Wayne Gretzky as coach late in training camp, yet the Coyotes have outscored their first two opponents 9-3.

"I thought our speed and competitiveness drew some of the penalties," Tippett said. "We really fed off the energy of playing against the Stanley Cup champions."

Canucks 7, Canadiens 1: Henrik Sedin scored twice in a 3:37 span of the second period and had an assist to lead host Vancouver to its first victory of the season.

Ryan Kesler, Mason Raymond and Steve Bernier scored their first goals of the season late in the first period, and Mikael Samuelsson and Alex Burrows scored 19 seconds apart in the third to help Vancouver avoid going 0-4 for the first time in franchise history.

Roberto Luongo, who was pulled in Vancouver's last game and came in with an uncharacteristic .820 save percentage and 4.55 goals-against average, made 27 saves.

Tomas Plekanec scored for Montreal.

NHL scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Philadelphia	3	3	0	0	6	13	7		
N.Y. Rangers	3	2	1	0	4	10	7		
Pittsburgh	3	2	1	0	4	7	8		
N.Y. Islanders	1	0	0	1	1	3	4		
New Jersey	2	0	2	0	0	4	8		

Northeast Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Montreal	4	2	2	0	4	10	15		
Boston	2	1	1	0	2	8	6		
Ottawa	2	1	1	0	2	4	6		
Buffalo	1	0	0	1	1	1	2		
Toronto	3	0	2	1	1	8	12		

Southeast Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Washington	3	2	0	1	5	15	11		
Atlanta	1	1	0	0	2	6	3		
Carolina	3	1	2	0	2	4	10		
Florida	2	1	1	0	2	4	7		
Tampa Bay	2	0	1	1	1	4	8		

Western Conference

Central Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Columbus	2	2	0	0	4	7	4		
St. Louis	2	2	0	0	4	9	6		
Chicago	2	1	0	1	3	7	4		
Nashville	1	1	0	0	2	3	2		
Detroit	2	0	2	0	0	6	9		

Northwest Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Calgary	3	3	0	0	6	13	9		
Colorado	2	2	0	0	4	8	2		
Edmonton	2	1	1	0	2	8	8		
Minnesota	2	1	1	0	2	5	5		
Vancouver	4	1	3	0	2	13	14		

Pacific Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Phoenix	2	2	0	0	4	9	3		
Los Angeles	2	1	1	0	2	9	19		
Dallas	2	0	0	2	2	6	8		
San Jose	3	1	2	0	2	10	12		
Anaheim	2	0	1	1	1	4	7		

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Tuesday's games

Ottawa 2, Toronto 1
Philadelphia 6, Washington 5, OT
Carolina 2, Tampa Bay 1, SO
Minnesota 4, Anaheim 3, OT
Calgary 4, Montreal 3
Edmonton 5, Dallas 4, SO
Los Angeles 6, San Jose 4

Wednesday's games

Phoenix 3, Pittsburgh 0
Vancouver 7, Montreal 1

Thursday's games

Anaheim at Boston
Phoenix at Buffalo
N.Y. Islanders at Ottawa
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia
N.Y. Rangers at Washington
New Jersey at Tampa Bay
Chicago at Detroit
Atlanta at St. Louis
Colorado at Nashville
Calgary at Edmonton
Minnesota at Los Angeles
Columbus at San Jose

Friday's games

Florida at Carolina
Dallas at Calgary

Saturday's games

New Jersey at Florida
N.Y. Islanders at Boston
Pittsburgh at Toronto
Atlanta at Ottawa
Washington at Detroit
Anaheim at Philadelphia
Carolina at Tampa Bay
Buffalo at Nashville
Los Angeles at St. Louis
Colorado at Chicago
Columbus at Phoenix
Montreal at Edmonton
Minnesota at San Jose

Wednesday

Coyotes 3, Penguins 0

Phoenix 1 1 1-3
Pittsburgh 0 0 0-0

First Period—1, Phoenix, Jovanovski 1 (Doan, Aucoin), 9:07 (pp).

Second Period—2, Phoenix, Prucha 1 (Vrbata, Lang), 10:47 (pp).

Third Period—3, Phoenix, Vrbata 3 (Hanzal), 19:06 (en).

Shots on Goal—Phoenix 10-8-7—25. Pittsburgh 9-10-24.

Power-play opportunities—Phoenix 2 of 9; Pittsburgh 0 of 5.

Goalies—Phoenix, Bryzgalov 2-0-0 (24 shots-24 saves). Pittsburgh, B.Johnson 0-1-0 (22-22).

A—16,975 (16,940). **T**—2:17.

Canucks 7, Canadiens 1

Montreal 0 1 0-1
Vancouver 3 2 2-7

First Period—1, Vancouver, Kesler 1 (Edler, Bieksa), 13:50, 2, Vancouver, Raymond 1 (Kesler), 16:41, 3, Vancouver, Bernier 1 (D.Sedin, H.Sedin), 18:34 (pp).

Second Period—4, Montreal, A.Kostitsyn 1 (Mara, Plekanec), 3:08 (pp), 5, Vancouver, H.Sedin 2 (D.Sedin, Salo), 11:59 (pp), 6, Vancouver, H.Sedin 3 (Ehrhoff), 15:36.

Third Period—7, Vancouver, Samuelsson 2 (Ehrhoff, Kesler), 11:39 (pp), 8, Vancouver, Burrows 2 (D.Sedin, Mitchell), 11:58.

Shots on Goal—Montreal 4-16-8—28. Vancouver 14-7-14—35.

Power-play opportunities—Montreal 1 of 4; Vancouver 3 of 5.

Goalies—Montreal, Price 2-1-0 (32 shots-25 saves). Hales (11:58 third, 3-3). Vancouver, Luongo 1-3-0 (28-27).

A—18,810 (18,630). **T**—2:24.

Calendar

Jan. 1 — Winter Classic: Philadelphia Flyers vs. Boston Bruins at Fenway Park. **Feb. 15-Feb. 28** — Olympic break. **April 11** — Regular season ends.

WNBA finals

Mercury force Game 5

BY CLIFF BRUNT

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The high-scoring Phoenix Mercury saved their season with defense.

The Indiana Fever led the WNBA finals 2-1 and had a chance to clinch their first title in front of a sellout crowd that included local celebrities such as Indianapolis Colts players Peyton Manning and Reggie Wayne. None of that mattered as the Mercury beat the Fever 90-77 on Wednesday night to tie the series and force Game 5 Friday in Phoenix.

Indiana shot 2-for-13 in the fourth quarter, stifling any chance it had of overcoming the 72-65 deficit it faced going into the period. The Fever scored 12 points in the quarter, the third-lowest total in a fourth quarter in finals history.

Tamika Catchings, who led Indiana with 24 points and 12 rebounds, said her teammates became hesitant. She said this is the wrong time for that.

"Hopefully, that's out of our

WNBA playoffs

FINALS

(Best-of-five)

Indiana vs. Phoenix
Phoenix 120, Indiana 116, OT
Indiana 93, Phoenix 84
Indiana 86, Phoenix 85
Wednesday: Phoenix 90, Indiana 77, series tied 2-2
Friday: Indiana at Phoenix



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

Cappie Pondexter scored 22 points Wednesday night as the Phoenix Mercury forced a deciding game with a 90-77 victory over the Indiana Fever.

system and we'll get to Phoenix Friday and we'll be ready to play," she said.

Catchings shot 11-for-17 and Ebony Hoffman scored 17 points on 7-for-10 shooting. The rest of the team shot 11-for-44.

All-Star Katie Douglas, who was hoping to celebrate a clinching victory in her hometown, scored seven points on 2-for-14 shooting.

"I thought Katie got some great looks, looks she had been knocking down from the three-point line to the rim," Indiana coach Lin Dunn said. "Maybe toward the end, she passed up some shots because she had missed them."

Phoenix's offense was in tune as usual. Cappie Pondexter scored 22 points, Penny Taylor added 17 points and Diana Taurasi and Tangelia Smith each scored 16.

The Mercury shot 10-for-24 from three-point range.

MLS scoreboard

Eastern Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Columbus	12	5	10	46	40	29
Chicago	10	7	11	41	38	34
New England	10	9	8	38	32	36
D.C. United	8	12	36	40	42	42
Real Salt Lake	9	10	8	35	40	40
Kansas City	8	11	8	32	29	35
New York	4	18	6	18	22	45

Western Conference

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Houston	12	8	8	44	36	27
x-Los Angeles	11	6	11	44	34	31
Chivas USA	12	9	5	41	28	25
Seattle	10	7	11	41	33	26
Colorado	10	8	10	40	41	33
FC Dallas	10	12	6	36	47	44
Real Salt Lake	9	11	7	34	38	34
San Jose	7	13	7	28	33	45

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

x- clinched playoff berth

Wednesday's game

FC Dallas 2, San Jose 1

Saturday's games

San Jose at Toronto FC

Columbus at New England

Kansas City at Chivas USA

Wednesday, October 14

New York at Real Salt Lake

Saturday, October 17

Real Salt Lake at Toronto FC

Chicago at New England

Columbus at D.C. United

Colorado at FC Dallas

Seattle FC at Kansas City

San Jose at Chivas USA

Sunday, October 18

Los Angeles at Houston

Wednesday

FC Dallas 2, Earthquakes 1

FC Dallas 0 2-2
San Jose 0 1-1

Second half—1, FC Dallas, Ferreira 8 (Cunningham, Pearce), 49th minute.

2, San Jose, Amariakwa 1 (Salinas, Wondolowski), 73rd. 3, FC Dallas, Cunningham 17 (McCarty, Ferreira), 82nd.

Goalies—FC Dallas, Dario Sala; San Jose, Joe Cannon.

Yellow Cards—Convey, San Jose, 18th; Ribeiro, San Jose, 32nd; themelu, FC Dallas, 90th.

A—9,023 (10,526)

Cunningham keeps Dallas in contention

The Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Jeff Cunningham scored his MLS-leading 17th goal in the 82nd minute to help FC Dallas remain in playoff contention with a 2-1 victory over the San Jose Earthquakes on Wednesday night.

David Ferreira also scored for Dallas (10-12-6), which has won four of its past five to move past idle Real Salt Lake and Toronto FC in the standings. Dallas is two points behind the final playoff berth and has two games left, both against higher-ranked teams it hopes to pass — Colorado and Seattle.

Dallas defender Jair Benitez headed a ball off the line in injury time to preserve the victory.

Cunningham has scored five goals in Dallas' past four games to pass Colorado's Conor Casey for the MLS lead.

San Jose rookie Quincy Amarikwa scored his first MLS goal in the 73rd minute, but couldn't keep the last-place Earthquakes (7-13-7) from being eliminated from playoff contention in their last home match of the season.

Sports briefs

Stern: NBA envisions teams in Europe

The Associated Press

TAIPEI, Taiwan — The NBA envisions having franchise teams in European cities, although commissioner David Stern said Thursday there was no timetable for that to happen.

Stern was speaking in the Taiwanese capital of Taipei, before the first-ever NBA exhibition game on the island.

"There's some good possibility over the course of many years, that if there's appropriate arena development in Europe, there could be actual NBA franchises in Europe," he said. "That's the way we see the development of basketball in the world."

Earlier this week, Stern said the league was also planning a regular-season game in London sometime before the city hosts the 2012 Olympics.

The only regular-season games staged outside North America were in Japan in the early 1990s.

In addition to European expansion, Stern said the NBA also sees affiliated leagues in other continents.

"The model in Asia, probably in Latin America, possibly in Africa will lead us — if there's adequate arena development — to having NBA affiliated leagues, with partners in local basketball federations," Stern said.

In Thursday's Taipei exhibition, the Denver Nuggets faced the Indiana Pacers. A capacity crowd of 13,000 was expected.

Torres to miss 12-18 months after radical surgery

BOSTON — Dara Torres knew she needed surgery on her ailing left knee. She didn't expect a radical operation and a recovery of up to 18 months.

The 42-year-old, five-time Olympic swimmer told The Associated Press on Thursday she will have the reconstructive procedure Oct. 20. Her shinbone will be broken to create more room for cartilage to grow around her kneecap.

Although acknowledging she's a bit "freaked out" about having such a major operation, Torres said it could give her more motivation to come back for the 2012 London Olympics. She won three silver medals during the Beijing Games, but failed to make the top three in any events in this year's world championships in Rome.

West again leaves Cavs

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — Delonte West is gone again, but LeBron James is confident West will be there when it counts.

West left the Cleveland Cavaliers for the second time during training camp, although this time he has the team's blessing.

He had unexcused absences for the first four practices last week and he missed about 10 days last year during the preseason while dealing with personal issues. He returned as the second-most important player to the Cavaliers' run to the Eastern Conference finals and James believes he can count on West again this year.

"He's one of the ones that we know is going to be there no matter what," James said Wednesday. "When he's out on that court, he forgets about everything else going on in his personal life. We're looking forward to getting him back, but he's going to take as much time as he needs."

West has battled bipolar disorder and could face a league suspension stemming from an arrest last month on misdemeanor gun possession charges in Maryland.

Iverson could miss up to 3 weeks with hamstring

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Memphis Grizzlies guard Allen Iverson could miss three weeks after an MRI revealed a partial tear in his left hamstring.

The Grizzlies made the announcement before Wednesday night's exhibition game against the Oklahoma City Thunder. If the timetable is correct, Iverson would miss all of preseason, and his availability for the season opener at home against the Detroit Pistons on Oct. 28 would be in jeopardy.

"The way I see it, I'm glad it's happening right now rather than in the season," Iverson said in a pregame press conference. "That's the only positive thing I can take out of the whole thing."

Entering his 14th season, the four-time NBA scoring champ signed with the Grizzlies last month, the biggest name ever to join the franchise. Iverson said he's never faced hamstring problems and wants to make sure he is completely healed before returning to the court.

Oklahoma State WR Bryant ineligible

STILLWATER, Okla. — All-America wide receiver Dez Bryant was ruled ineligible by Oklahoma State, four days before the 15th-ranked Cowboys' first Big 12 game.

The university announced Wednesday that Bryant "failed to openly disclose to the NCAA the full details of his interaction with a former NFL player not affiliated with OSU." Oklahoma State (3-1) said it had already asked the NCAA to reinstate Bryant for the violation of bylaw 10.1(d), which prohibits players from knowingly providing false information to the NCAA regarding a possible rules violation.

"I made a mistake by not being entirely truthful when meeting with the NCAA," Bryant said in a statement released by the

university. "I sincerely regret my mistake and apologize to my teammates, coaches, OSU fans and the NCAA."

A top NFL prospect, Bryant caught 87 passes for 1,480 yards and 19 touchdowns last season and also scored twice on punt returns. He's the only one of last year's three finalists for the Biletnikoff Award who is still in school.

This season, Bryant leads the team with 17 catches for 323 yards and four TDs. He left Oklahoma State's 41-24 victory over Rice after taking a hard hit and sat out a 56-6 victory over Grambling State two weeks ago.

The Cowboys open Big 12 play on Saturday at Texas A&M (3-1).

Tebow game-day decision

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Tim Tebow's status for Saturday's game at No. 4 LSU apparently will be a game-day decision.

Florida coach Urban Meyer said his medical staff told him to prepare as if the injured Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback will play Saturday night in Baton Rouge. Team doctors also warned Meyer that Tebow might not be cleared in time for the game.

Tebow practiced Tuesday for the first time since suffering the first concussion of his career Sept. 26 against Kentucky.

BYU DB kicked off team

PROVO, Utah — BYU coach Bronco Mendenhall kicked defensive back Shiloah Te'o off the team.

Provo City Justice Court records show that Te'o was charged Sept. 18 with driving under the influence from an arrest in August.

Mendenhall said in a statement Tuesday that Te'o has been dismissed for an undisclosed violation of team rules.

He told The Salt Lake Tribune for a story posted online Wednesday that he learned of the charge over the weekend, then decided to dismiss the sophomore safety after practice Tuesday night.

Students at the Mormon church-owned school agree to live by BYU's honor code, which forbids drinking alcohol.

NHL fines Maple Leafs for tampering

NEW YORK — The NHL fined the Toronto Maple Leafs an undisclosed amount after ruling that coach Ron Wilson was guilty of tampering when he expressed interest in Vancouver Canucks forwards Henrik and Daniel

Sedin before they reached free agency.

NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly announced the penalty Wednesday in a news release. Wilson made reference to the Canucks twins during an interview when they were still under contract with the Canucks. Both players reached new deals to stay with Vancouver.

Ex-Astros pitcher dies

HOUSTON — A sheriff's official in Georgia said that former Houston Astros pitcher Brian Powell died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. He was 35.

Capt. Liz Crowley of the Decatur County Sheriff's Office said Powell died Monday at a hospital in Tallahassee, Fla.

He was acquired by the Astros in 2001 as part of a seven-player deal with the Detroit Tigers for catcher Brad Ausmus and pitcher C.J. Nitkowski.

Powell was 7-18 with a 5.94 ERA in 59 games for Detroit, Houston, San Francisco and Philadelphia. He last pitched in the majors with the Phillies in 2004, and spent 2005 in Triple-A for Washington before retiring.

Marion Jones' relay team to get medal decision

COPENHAGEN — Marion Jones' relay teammates will learn by Dec. 18 whether they can keep their medals from the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

The International Olympic Committee had hoped the Court of Arbitration for Sport would rule this month. But the CAS postponed the decision for another two months.

"We'll have to wait until then," IOC vice president Thomas Bach said Thursday during an IOC meeting in the Danish capital.

Jones lost all five of her medals — including three gold — after admitting in 2007 that she was using performance-enhancing drugs at the time of the games. The Americans won gold in the 1,600-meter relay and bronze in the 400-meter relay. Jones also won the 100 and 200 meters and took bronze in the long jump.

The IOC has held off reallocating Jones' medals to other athletes, pending more evidence in the BALCO steroid probe and the relay appeal. If CAS turns down the appeal, the IOC will immediately ask the IAAF to amend the results of the relays, Bach told The Associated Press.

Magloire, Jerebko suspended for altercation

NEW YORK — Miami Heat center Jamaal Magloire and Detroit's Jonas Jerebko were suspended Thursday by the NBA for their altercation during an exhibition game.

Magloire was penalized two regular-season games for starting the altercation and striking Jerebko in the face with 5:04 left in the fourth quarter of Detroit's 87-83 victory Monday. Jerebko was suspended for one regular-season game for retaliating and hitting Magloire in the face.

Quiros leads Madrid Masters

MADRID — Manuel Quiros of Spain shot a 10-under 62 Thursday for a two-shot lead over Sergio Garcia after the first round of the Madrid Masters.

Garcia made an eagle at the 18th hole at the Centro Nacional de Golf course. Oliver Fisher was one more shot back, and a group of five was at 6 under.

Half of the field finished above par in cool, slightly windy conditions.



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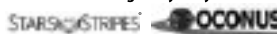
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MLB PLAYOFFS: AL DIVISION SERIES

Jeter sparks rally past tired Twins

By RONALD BLUM
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Derek Jeter turned on a slider and sent it soaring toward the seats. The crowd rose and screamed.

Just as they did so on so many October nights at the famed ballpark across the street, the New York Yankees came from behind and won the first playoff game at their new \$1.5 billion palace.

"This is the fun time of year," Jeter said after Wednesday night's 7-2 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

In the opener of the AL series, Jeter and the Yankees returned to the playoffs after a one-year absence, CC Sabathia was the type of ace New York envisioned when it gave him a \$161 million contract and even Alex Rodriguez broke out of his playoff rut with two run-scoring singles.

After winning a record 26 World Series titles while playing at old Yankee Stadium, New York wasn't quite sure what a playoff game would feel like in its fancy new home. Then Jeter got the fans going with his 18th playoff home run, which tied Mickey Mantle and Reggie Jackson for third on the career list behind Manny Ramirez (28) and Bernie Williams (22).

"It felt just like the old place," Jeter said. "We couldn't have drawn it up any better for us."

Jeter's two-run homer in the third off loser Brian Duensing drew New York even, and Nick Swisher pulled a go-ahead double down the left-field line in the fourth that scored Robinson Cano from first as left fielder Delmon Young and shortstop Orlando Cabrera made poor throws.

Rodriguez had gone 0-for-29 in the playoffs with runners on base dating to Game 4 of the 2004 AL championship series, stranding 40 runners, before chasing Duensing with an RBI single that made it 4-2 in the fifth.

From there the Yankees breezed to their first playoff victory in exactly two years, giving manager Joe Girardi a victory in his first playoff game since succeeding Joe Torre two years ago.

On a night with the wind blowing to right-center at 20 mph, with gusts to 43 mph, Hideki Matsui followed with a two-run homer into Monument Park on left-hander Francisco Lirano's fourth pitch. The Yankees celebrated like kids, just as the Twins did when they beat Detroit 6-5 in a 12-inning AL Central tiebreaker at the Metrodome on Tuesday night.



JULIE JACOBSON/AP

New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter watches his two-run home run in front of Minnesota Twins catcher Joe Mauer during the third inning Wednesday night at Yankee Stadium in New York.

Rodriguez added another run-scoring single in the seventh off Jon Rauch following an error by first baseman Michael Cuddyer, with Rodriguez's drive hitting halfway up the right-field wall. New York scored five runs with two outs.

"It definitely felt good," Rodriguez said. "There's no question the numbers aren't good, but you've got to come out and play."

Wearing long sleeves on the blustery night, Sabathia got past a 22-pitch first inning and found a sharp cutter in his Yankees playoff debut.

"This is what you come here for," said Sabathia, who allowed one earned run and eight hits in 6⅓ innings, striking out eight and walking none. "It was electric tonight."

Sabathia left with two on after 113 pitches. He tipped his cap to a ballpark record crowd of 49,464.

Minnesota was more interested in ZZZZs.

The Twins didn't arrive at their hotel until nearly 4 a.m. and appeared to lack the energy that propelled them during a 17-4 finish. They struck out 12 times.

"It seemed like about 12, 16

hours ago, we were popping champagne," Brendan Harris said.

After a day off — the Twins aren't even working out — the series resumes Friday night, when A.J. Burnett pitches for the Yankees against Nick Blackburn. New York will be trying to go 2-0 in a playoff series for the first time since 1999 against the Texas Rangers.

"We all need to go home, get a good night's rest," said Twins pitcher Carl Pavano, who will start Game 3. "We're going to be a little fresher, I'm sure, on Friday."

NFL briefs

Crabtree confident he can help 49ers despite down time

The Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Michael Crabtree is confident he can play a big role for the San Francisco 49ers as a rookie even though he's months behind.

He will get his chances in an offense that could really use him.

Crabtree signed a six-year contract Wednesday after drawn-out negotiations that had some wondering whether the star wide receiver would play this season.

"It's a lot of relief off my shoulders," Crabtree said when introduced at team headquarters.

While specific terms of the deal, which was completed around 2 a.m. Wednesday, were not disclosed, Crabtree will receive nearly \$17 million in guaranteed money, according to a person familiar with the contract. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the details weren't made public.

Crabtree headed out Wednesday for his first practice as the 49ers prepared for Sunday's home game against Atlanta.

"Everybody came to a reachable agreement and it happened," Crabtree said, sporting a red No. 15 practice jersey and charcoal gray sweats. "I'm just glad I'm

past that part. I'm very humble right now, man, it's a very humbling experience. Just getting a chance to sit back and better myself as a person, as a player, as a teammate. ... I feel like, going through that, it made me look at the world in a different way, look at my teammates a different way. Hopefully it will work out for the best."

Crabtree could provide the game-breaking receiving threat the 49ers have been lacking, assuming he can quickly learn the offense after missing all of training camp. The 10th pick overall, he also sat out offseason minicamps and organized team activities while recovering from a foot injury, but was a regular presence at the team's training facility.

Crabtree shook hands with his new teammates throughout the locker room Wednesday.

"We accept Crabtree no matter what," tight end Vernon Davis said. "I think his play will speak for itself."

Chargers LB not happy with GM's 'soft' comment

SAN DIEGO — San Diego Chargers outside linebacker Shawne Merriman wasn't pleased to read a comment from general manager A.J. Smith that the team's play

at times this year has been "soft and bewildered."

The Chargers lost 38-28 at Pittsburgh on Sunday, falling behind 28-0 and allowing the defending Super Bowl champions to pile up 497 yards. San Diego is 2-2 going into its off week, and is two games behind the Denver Broncos in the AFC West.

On Wednesday, Smith was quoted in The San Diego Union-Tribune as saying, "Everything is wrong with it right now. I'm not the least bit happy in a lot of areas. I've seen us be tough and physical to soft and bewildered."

Merriman at first declined to comment, which would have been a first in his five-year career.

"I don't know too much of that. That's an opinion of a person, and it's not needed," Merriman said. "We know that we have to play better."

"We met for an extra hour and a half as a defense as a whole to discuss what we need to do and things we need to do to get better. And we're going to make adjustments in this locker room as far as players and our attitudes and getting after people a little more. But all that extra [stuff] is not needed at all."

Sanchez says NFL fined him \$5K for hit on Vilma

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — New York Jets rookie quarterback Mark Sanchez said Wednesday that he was fined \$5,000 by the NFL for his low block on New Orleans linebacker Jonathan Vilma last weekend.

During Darren Sharper's 99-yard interception return for a touchdown in the second quarter Sunday, Sanchez dived at the legs of Vilma, who was blocking on the play. Sanchez was assessed a 15-yard personal foul penalty for the hit.

Vilma took exception to the block, saying after the game the league should fine Sanchez. The league offices don't confirm fines until Friday.

"Yeah, I got a little fine for that," Sanchez said.

Sanchez said he called Vilma on Tuesday and apologized.

Iraq war vet cut from Ravens dies in Washington state

SEATTLE — Tony Fein, an Iraq war veteran and NFL rookie linebacker who played with the Baltimore Ravens during the exhibition season, died of unexplained causes after collapsing at

a friend's house in what his agent said appears to be "an accidental situation."

Fein, 27, an undrafted rookie free agent from Mississippi, was lying face down and unconscious, vomiting and barely breathing when medics arrived at a house outside Port Orchard, Wash., on the Kitsap Peninsula just before 9 a.m. PDT Tuesday, said Mike Wernet, a battalion chief and medical officer with South Kitsap Fire & Rescue.

Kitsap County sheriff's Deputy Scott E. Wilson said a detective was assigned to the case because the death seemed unusual.

An autopsy won't be conducted before Thursday and no report will be issued before all toxicology and other tests are complete, likely in 6-8 weeks, said Allen G. Gerdes, Kitsap County chief deputy coroner.

Also:

■ Quarterback Matthew Stafford was held out of practice Wednesday by the Detroit Lions because of his injured right knee.

■ Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb plans to start when Philadelphia plays Tampa Bay on Sunday, his first action since breaking a rib the season opener.

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Scoreboard

Division Series

(Best-of-five)

American League

New York vs. Minnesota

Wednesday: New York 7, Minnesota 2, New York leads series 1-0

Friday: Minnesota (Blackburn 11-1) at New York (Burnett 13-9)

Sunday: New York (Pettitte 14-8) at Minnesota (Pavano 14-12)

Monday: New York at Minnesota*

Wednesday, Oct. 14: Minnesota at New York*

Los Angeles vs. Boston

Thursday: Boston (Lester 15-8) at Los Angeles (Lackey 11-8)

Friday: Boston (Beckett 17-6) at Los Angeles (Weaver 16-8)

Sunday: Los Angeles (Kazmir 10-9) at Boston (Buchholz 7-4)

Monday: Los Angeles (Saunders 16-7) at Boston (Lester 15-8)*

Wednesday: Boston at Los Angeles*

National League

Los Angeles vs. St. Louis

Wednesday: Los Angeles 5, St. Louis 3, Los Angeles leads series 1-0

Thursday: St. Louis (Wainwright 19-8) at Los Angeles (Kershaw 8-8)

Saturday: Los Angeles at St. Louis (Pineiro 15-12)

Sunday: Los Angeles at St. Louis*

Tuesday: St. Louis at Los Angeles*

Philadelphia vs. Colorado

Wednesday: Philadelphia 5, Colorado 4, series tied 1-1

Thursday: Philadelphia at Colorado

Sunday: Philadelphia at Colorado*

Tuesday: Colorado at Philadelphia*

*if necessary

Wednesday

Yankees 7, Twins 2

Minnesota **New York**

ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi
Span cf	5	0	2	Jeter ss	2	3	2
OCarer ss	5	1	2	Damon lf	4	0	1
Mauer c	4	1	2	Teixeira 1b	4	0	0
Cuddyer 1b	4	0	1	ARdrz 3b	4	1	2
Kubel rf	4	0	0	HMatsu dh	3	1	2
DimYn lf	4	0	0	Posada c	4	0	1
BHarris dh	4	0	1	Cano 2b	4	1	0
Tolbert 3b	3	0	0	Swisher rf	4	0	1
Punto 2b	3	0	2	Gardner cf	0	0	0
				McCarr cf-rf	1	1	0
Totals	36	2	10	Totals	33	7	9

Minnesota **002 000 000-2**

New York **002 130 10x-7**

E—Cuddyer (1). DP—Minnesota 1, New York 1. LOB—Minnesota 9, New York 5. 2B—Span (1), Mauer (1), Swisher (1). HR—Jeter (1), H.Matsu (1). SB—O.Cabrera (1).

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Duensing L,0-1	4½	7	5	5	1
Liriano	2	1	2	1	1
Raich	½	1	0	0	1
Mahay	1	0	0	0	1

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Sabatthia W,1-0	6½	8	2	1	0
P.Hughes H,1	½	1	0	0	2
Coke	½	0	0	0	0
Chamberlain	½	0	0	0	0
Ma.Rivera	1	1	0	0	1

HBP—by Sabathia (Tolbert). WP—Duensing, Sabathia. PB—Posada 2. T—3:38. A—49,464 (52,325).

Dodgers 5, Cardinals 3

St. Louis Los Angeles

ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi
Schmkr 2b-cf	3	1	2	Furcal ss	4	1	3
BrRyan ss	5	0	1	Kemp cf	5	1	2
Pujols 1b	3	0	0	Ethier rf	3	2	2
Holliday lf	4	0	1	MRmrz lf	4	0	1
Ludwick rf	4	1	2	Loney 1b	4	0	2
Y.Molin c	5	0	1	Blake 3b	4	0	2
DeRosa 3b	5	0	3	Bellard 2b	3	1	0
Rasmus cf	2	1	1	OHudsnpr-2b	0	0	0
Glaus ph	1	0	0	RMartn c	2	0	1
Hwks p	0	0	0	Wolf p	2	0	0
MBggs p	0	0	0	JefWvr p	0	0	0
Ankiel ph	1	0	0	Pierre ph	0	0	0
Crptr p	2	0	0	Bellisari p	0	0	0
DReyes p	0	0	0	Thome ph	1	0	0
McClint p	0	0	0	Kuo p	0	0	0
TMiller p	0	0	0	Sherrill p	0	0	0
Lugo 2b	1	0	0	Broxt p	1	0	0
Totals	36	3	11	Totals	33	5	12

St. Louis **100 100 001-3**

Los Angeles **201 011 00x-5**

DP—St. Louis 1, LA 1. LOB—St. Louis 14, LA 16. 2B—Schumaker (1), BrRyan (1), DeRosa (1), Rasmus (1), Ethier (1), M.Ramirez (1), 3B—Furcal (1). HR—Kemp (1). S—C.Carpenter, Pierre. SF—Furcal.

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
C.Carpenter L,0-1	5	9	4	4	4
D.Reyes	0	1	1	1	0
McClellan	½	1	0	0	1
T.Miller	½	0	0	0	1
Hawthorn	1	1	0	0	1
M.Boggs	1	0	0	0	2

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Wolf	3½	6	2	2	5
Jef.Weaver W,1-0	1½	1	0	0	1
Bellisario H,1	1	0	0	0	0
Kuo H,1	1	2	0	0	2
Sherrill H,1	½	0	0	0	0
Broxt p,1-1	1½	2	1	1	0

D.Reyes pitched to 1 batter in 6th. HBP—by C.Carpenter (Ethier), by McClellan (R.Martin), by Wolf (Holliday), by Sherrill (Schumaker). T—3:54. A—56,000 (56,000).

Thursday

Rockies 5, Phillies 4

Colorado Philadelphia

ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi
CGnzlf lf	5	1	3	Rollins ss	5	0	1
Fowler cf	2	0	2	Victorino cf	5	1	3
Helton 1b	5	1	1	Utley 2b	4	1	0
TLwtz ss	3	0	0	Howard 1b	4	1	2
GATKns 3b	2	0	0	Werth rf	4	1	1
Stewart ph-3b	1	0	0	Ibanez lf	4	0	2
Torreal c	3	1	2	P.Feliz 3b	3	0	1
SPgrhs rf	3	1	0	Happ p	0	0	0
Barmes 2b	3	0	1	S.Eyre p	0	0	0
Cook p	2	1	1	Myers p	0	0	0
Contrs p	0	0	0	Bastard p	0	0	0
S.Smith ph	1	0	1	Madsen p	0	0	0
Bellisle p	0	0	0	BFrcs ph	1	0	0
Glambi ph	1	0	0	C.Ruiz c	2	0	0
RBTnc p	0	0	0	Stairs ph	0	0	0
F.Morls p	0	0	0	CLee pr	0	0	0
Street p	0	0	0	Hamels p	0	0	0
				Dobbs ph	1	0	0
				Blanton p	0	0	0
				Cairo 3b	2	0	0
Totals	31	5	9	Totals	35	4	11

Colorado **100 210 10x-5**

Philadelphia **000 003 010-2**

E—Barmes (1). DP—Colorado 3, Philadelphia 1. LOB—Colorado 7, Philadelphia 7. 2B—C.Gonzalez (1), Spilborghs (1), Howard (2). HR—Torrealba (1), Werth (1). SB—C.Gonzalez (1). CS—C.Gonzalez (1). S—Fowler, Torrealba, Barmes. SF—Fowler 2.

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cook W,1-0	5	7	3	3	2
Contreras H,1	1	2	0	0	1
Bellisle H,1	1	0	0	0	1
R.Betancourt H,1	½	1	1	1	0
F.Morales H,1	½	0	0	0	0
Street S,1-1	1	1	0	0	1

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Hamels L,0-1	5	7	4	4	0
Blanton	1	1	1	1	0
Happ	0	1	0	0	0
S.Eyre	0	1	0	0	0
Myers	½	0	0	0	2
Bastardo	½	0	0	0	1
Madsen	1	0	0	0	2

Blanton pitched to 2 batters in 7th. Happ pitched to 1 batter in 7th. Cook pitched to 3 batters in 6th. HBP—by Myers (Tulowitzki). T—3:41. A—46,528 (43,647).

L.A. bullpen carries load against Cards

BY BETH HARRIS

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Dodgers, a team without an ace starter, rely heavily on their bullpen. That strategy worked fine in their NL playoff opener.

Randy Wolf survived a shaky first inning in his playoff debut before five relievers combined to allow just one run in the Dodgers' 5-3 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Wednesday night in a game full of missed chances for both teams.

"It was a grind from the get-go, and that's the way it's going to be throughout the postseason," said Jeff Weaver, who relieved Wolf and got the victory. "You're facing good lineups and good pitching, and it's going to be an out here or there that can make the difference in the game."

After the Cardinals took a 1-0 lead off Wolf to start the game, Matt Kemp hit a two-run homer off Cardinals ace Chris Carpenter in the bottom half of the inning, giving the NL West champions the lead for good.

"When you get two runs on one swing, that definitely feels better," Dodgers first baseman James Loney said. "Playing at home, you obviously want to take care of business here. The fans were into the game early, which is good."

Wolf was the Dodgers' most consistent starter this season, with a 2.98 ERA in the second half and just one loss since Aug. 1 for his hometown team. Against the Cardinals, the left-hander allowed two runs and six hits in 3½ innings, walked five and struck out two in the first playoff appearance of his 11-year career. Weaver allowed one hit in 1½ innings, striking out one. Jonathan Broxton pitched 1½ innings for the save.

"It was the bullpen," Dodgers manager Joe Torre said. "That's our strength. We get to the seventh inning, we feel pretty good



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

Matt Kemp cracks a two-run homer in the bottom of the first inning Wednesday night to start the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 5-3 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals in their NL playoff opener. St. Louis ace Chris Carpenter was the victim of Kemp's blast.

about who we have coming in."

Offense was at a premium for both teams' sluggers. The Dodgers' Manny Ramirez went 1-for-4 with a double and a walk. Albert Pujols was 0-for-3 with two intentional walks for the NL Central champions. "In the playoffs, everything's different, so we're just happy that we got the win," Ramirez said. "But remember, tomorrow's another day, so let's see what happens. We still got two more to go."

Game 2 on Thursday at Dodger Stadium matched Clayton Kershaw, another playoff rookie starting for Los Angeles, against 19-game winner Adam Wainwright. Only once this season when Carpenter and Wainwright started back-to-back did St. Louis lose both games.

The teams set a division series record by stranding a combined 30 runners. The Dodgers left 16, including 12 in scoring position.

"We had too many chances, too many chances," said the Cardinals' Mark DeRosa, who left two

runners on base in the third inning. "Their bullpen came in, and inning after inning, we didn't get the big hit we needed."

Carpenter, the NL's ERA leader (2.24) while going 17-4 and 2-0 against the Dodgers this season, gave up four runs and nine hits in five innings. The right-hander walked four and struck out three.

He came in with a career playoff record of 5-1 and a 2.53 ERA.

Wolf let St. Louis load the bases with no outs in the first. But he allowed just one run, on Ryan Ludwick's bloop single to center that fell between Kemp and second baseman Ronnie Belliard.

The Dodgers needed a mere three pitches to take a 2-1 lead. Rafael Furcal led off with a single and Kemp sent Carpenter's third pitch over the wall in right center for his first playoff homer. Carpenter allowed two two-out singles before striking out Belliard.

The Cardinals cut the deficit to 5-3 in the ninth, getting a two-out RBI double from DeRosa. Broxton then struck out pinch-hitter Rick Ankiel looking to end it.

Rockies: Cook has his sinkerball working against Phillies

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ton, J.A. Happ or Pedro Martinez.

Blanton pitched one inning in relief, allowing a run. Happ faced one batter and got knocked out of the game when Seth Smith hit a hard liner off the lower part of his left leg. X-rays on Happ's leg were negative.

Making his third start since a shoulder strain sidelined him for most of September, Cook allowed three runs and seven hits in five-plus innings. The right-handed sinkerballer got 12 of 15 outs on grounders or strikeouts.

After Lee turned in a masterful performance in his playoff debut Wednesday, the Phillies were counting on Hamels to give them a 2-0 series lead. But Hamels hasn't been the same pitcher since going 4-0 with a 1.80 ERA in five playoff starts last year. He was 10-11 with a 4.32 ERA this year, and is 0-7 in day games.

The Phillies are trying to become the first repeat champions since the New York Yankees won three World Series in a row from 1998-2000. No NL team has done it since the Cincinnati Reds in 1975-76.

For the second consecutive day, the Phillies had the largest crowd in the six-year

history of Citizens Bank Park. There were 46,528 fans packed in the ballpark, waving white-and-red "Fightin' Phils" towels. Now, there's no guarantee they'll see another game this year.

Jayson Werth's solo homer off Rafael Betancourt in the eighth got the Phillies within a run and whipped the fans into a frenzy.

But Franklin Morales came in and retired Raul Ibanez on a sharp grounder. Street, who was 35-for-37 in save chances in the regular season, started the ninth.

He walked pinch-hitter Matt Stairs with one out. Lee, who became the first Phil-

lies pitcher to steal a base in the playoffs in Game 1, ran for the slow-footed Stairs. After Miguel Cairo flied to right, Jimmy Rollins singled to right. But Street got Victorino to end it.

Trailing 4-0, the Phillies got going in the sixth. Victorino led off with an infield single and advanced to second on second baseman Clint Barmes' throwing error. Chase Utley followed with a single and Ryan Howard lined an RBI double into the right-field corner, chasing Cook.

Jose Contreras came in and struck out Werth. But Ibanez followed with a two-run single to cut it to 4-3.

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Rockies get even



MATT SLOCUM/AP

The Rockies' Clint Barmes flips over the Phillies' Pedro Feliz after forcing him at second base and then turning a double play to end the sixth inning on Thursday.

Torrealba smacks two-run homer off Philadelphia's Hamels

By ROB MAADDI
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Cole Hamels isn't going to breeze through this play-off season.

Yorvit Torrealba hit a two-run homer and Aaron Cook pitched effectively into the sixth inning as the Colorado Rockies beat Hamels and the Philadelphia Phillies 5-4 on Thursday to even their NL playoff series at a game apiece.

Huston Street pitched out of trouble in the ninth to secure the victory.

Street retired Shane Victorino on a soft liner to second base to leave the potential tying run — Game 1 winning

pitcher Cliff Lee — at second base.

Hamels, the World Series and NLCS MVP last year, looked nothing like the pitcher who was so dominant during Philadelphia's championship run last October.

The left-hander allowed four runs and seven hits in five innings. He didn't stick around after departing, rushing to be with his wife, Heidi, who was in labor with the couple's first child.

The best-of-five series shifts to Denver for Game 3 on Saturday. Jason Hamel (10-8) will start for the wild-card Rockies against a yet-to-be-announced pitcher. The Phillies could use Joe Blanton.

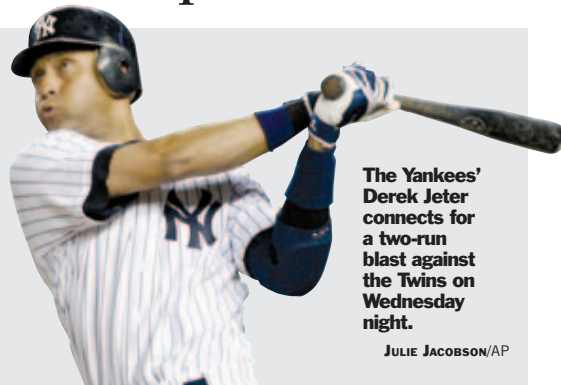
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The Yankees' Derek Jeter connects for a two-run blast against the Twins on Wednesday night.

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